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PROBLEMS THAT BRITISH-INDIAN STATESMANSHIP
MUST FACE.

[BY AN INDIAN.]

The following article, by a well-known member of the Indian community in Hong Kong, should be of great interest at this time. It gives the view of a sober-minded and loyal member of our Empire, and expresses the psychological factors with which both British and Indian statesmen are faced at this time. It shows, as the whole course of the Round Table Conference has shown, that vast changes must be made in the Government of India and huge risks taken.

The Indian Round Table Conference came to a conclusion yesterday after a long session, and Indians all over the world are, in the words of the Nawab of Bhopal, awaiting with bated breath to hear Mr. Ramsay MacDonald speak the words which will link India and Britain eternally by ties of affection and goodwill.

The first and the foremost obstacle which lay in the way of the success of the Conference was removed as soon as the delegates had met in session. This idea of an All-Indian Federation, which the Simon Commission Report and the Government of India Despatch had regarded as dim and distant, was soon shown to be within the sphere of practical politics of India, when the Indian States' delegates fell into line with the rest of the Indian representatives to the Conference on this point. It is immaterial for us to go into the question as to why the Indian States so readily approved of the idea of a Federation—Whether it was due to a desire to gain the goodwill of the rest of India in case it became strong enough to impose its will

upon them, or whether it was an outcome of genuine patriotism. Whatever the reason, it is to their credit that they helped to remove a great part of the difficulty of the Conference from its very inception, and thereby have largely contributed to its success.

Safeguards.

Another difficulty which in some quarters was regarded as insurmountable, and likely to bring about a complete deadlock and failure of the Conference, was the Hindu-Muslim question, which has so long agitated the minds of those two communities. It is only in the nature of things as they exist that a minor community should ask for safeguards until such time as the necessity for them disappears. The question has been one of the justice and practicability of those safeguards. Some of the 14 terms drawn up by the All-Indian Muslim League some two years ago, were regarded as excessive by the Hindu politicians. The Muslim delegates tried to adhere strictly to these 14 points at the Conference, while the Hindu delegates refused to accept

them in their entirety. The impasse which ensued seemed impossible of solution. Yet so genuine has been the desire of the delegates of the two communities for a rapprochement that Muslim members sacrificed a part of their terms on the altar of patriotism, and their Hindu colleagues rose to the occasion and accepted their sacrifice with due esteem. The deadlock is, therefore, to all intents and purposes, ended. This has removed two of the most formidable obstacles in the way, and we now want to see how far the real purpose of the Conference has been fulfilled.

The exact object for which the Conference met was to decide how far could India be trusted in the hands of the Indians themselves: Are Indians fit to keep their own house in order? or do they still require some extraneous assistance to manage their affairs? The Indian delegates, to the very last man, are agreed that Indian must have at the least Dominion status with certain safeguards for the time being. It is the nature and extent of these safeguards which has so far

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(January 20.)

Queen's Theatre: "One Mad Kiss."

World Theatre: "Love and Duty" Part 1 (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Frozen River."

Central Theatre: "The Delightful Rogue."

European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Siberia (General Meeting).

Lecture on Christian Science, City Hall, Judge S. W. Green, 5.45 p.m.

Sports: Soccer Interport Trial, H.K. v. Army, Club ground, 4.30 p.m.

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

(January 21.)

Queen's Theatre: "Atlantic."

World Theatre: "Love and Duty" Part 1 (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Frozen River."

Central Theatre: "The Delightful Rogue."

Prize Giving at Canoeists' Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Fencing Hunt Meet at Hunter's Arms.

Boxing, Army Championship's Finals, City Hall at 9.15 p.m.

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Thursday.

(January 22.)

Queen's Theatre: "Atlantic."

World Theatre: "Love and Duty"

Part 1 (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Black Magic."

Central Theatre: "The Delightful Rogue."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Song and Piano Recital at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Friday.

(January 23.)

Queen's Theatre: "Atlantic."

World Theatre: "Love and Duty" Part 2 (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Black Magic."

Central Theatre: "Mamba."

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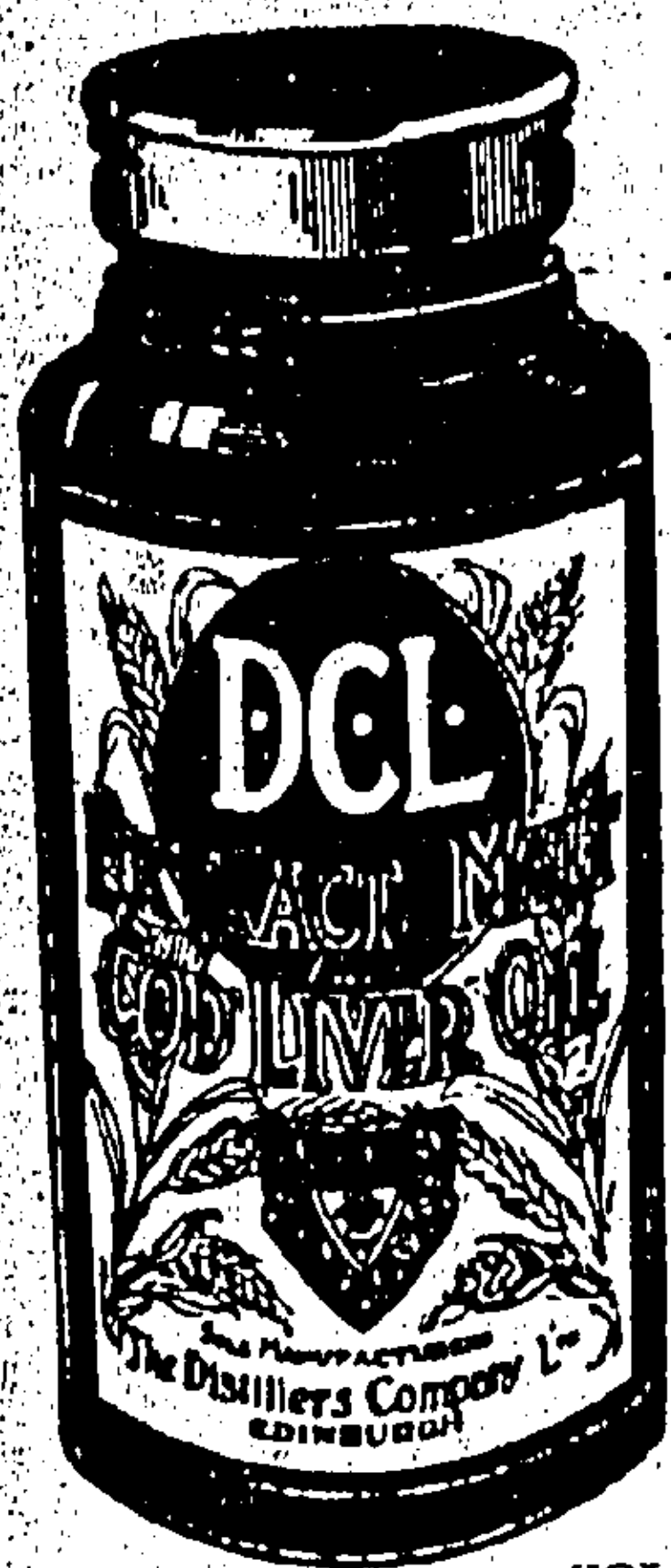
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WHITE HOUSE AND SENATE
IN BITTER CONFLICT.

APPOINTMENTS BRING THE
ISSUE TO A HEAD.

Washington, Jan. 10.—A bitter conflict between President Hoover and the United States Senate gripped the attention of the country today.

The President defied the Senate and at once, from its position on Capitol Hill, the upper chamber of Congress took swift action to overrule the White House decision.

The fight between the President and the Senate is declared to constitute the sharpest conflict between the White House and Capitol Hill which the country has known in many years.

The battle began with President Hoover's refusal to accede to the Senate's request that he return the Senate's resolution of consent to the appointment of Mr. George Otis Smith, Colonel Marcel Garsaud and Mr. Claud Draper to be the members of the newly created federal power commission.

President's Message.

President Hoover's refusal to allow a reconsideration of the confirmation of his appointments was contained in a special message to the Senate, and then the President carried his fight to the country. Through the Press he issued a message to the people declaring that the Senate's request, which he had refused to grant, constituted a pure and simple attempt to interfere with the administrative branch of the Government. President Hoover said that his appointments were made constitutionally and are not subject to recall.

The President assured the people that the House of Representatives may impeach his appointees to the federal power commission if they fail in their duties. But he said, if his appointees should fail he would not hesitate to remove them or ask for their impeachment himself.

It is expected that the action and the attitude of the President will lead to the most bitter debate between the administration and other factions in Washington.

Return of Resolution Asked.

Yesterday the Senate, after confirming President Hoover's appointments to the power commission, voted to reconsider its action. By a vote of 41 to 37 it asked the President to return its resolution of consent. The western insurgent Republicans combined with the Democrats to force passage of the request to the White House.

The move was sponsored by Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Democrat of Montana, who last Wednesday asked for reconsideration of the presidential appointments because the new power commissioners had dismissed their accountant, Mr. William V. King, and their solicitor, Mr. Charles Russell.

Vice-President Charles Curtis, the presiding officer of the Senate, (Continued at foot of next column.)

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"I know of one man who makes £3,000 a year by selling newspapers and periodicals in the streets," said Mr. MacLaren later.

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ruled that Senator Walsh's motion was out of order. He said the matter was not debatable. The Senate overrode Vice-President Curtis by a vote of 84 to 4 and enacted Senator Walsh's resolution. Presented at the White House, the request met with a blunt refusal.

Message Ignored.

After receiving President Hoover's message of refusal the Senate, by a vote of 36 to 23, passed Senator Walsh's latest resolution. It restores to the Senate calendar the matter of reconsidering the Presidential appointments to the power commission.

Therefore, the Senate has made the last move and it will proceed to ignore the President's message of refusal to have the nomination of his appointees reconsidered. The Senate will act as though it had never confirmed the appointments and the President will take the position that he has the men on the job and constitutionally so.

The control of the country's power resources is one of the greatest of American national issues and this fact, combined with the battle between the President and the Senate, serves to create intense public interest in the present situation.

THE INDIAN ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

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been the stumbling-block between the Indian politician and the British Government. The Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms gave but the shadow of self-government to India. The system of dyarchy which it inaugurated was regarded by a certain section of Indian politicians as an insult to a nation which has had a proud history of many centuries. The vast authority given to the Viceroy and the Governors of Provinces, and the shadowy powers accorded the Indian Ministers, excited the ridicule of these politicians. They refused to co-operate in the carrying out of the Reforms. The country has since then been plunged into disorder. It is not for me to say whether their attitude is one of contumely or merely one of misguided patriotism. They count amongst them men who are men of action and who have the millions of India at their beck and call. They form a most formidable force in the politics of India, and when that force is enhanced by the active co-operation of the womanhood of India, it becomes still greater. The question is, therefore, how far will the results of the Conference, upon which the attention of the whole world is focussed, satisfy this section of the Indian politicians—politicians who command not only the voices but also the lives of millions of men and women in India. As Dr. Moonjee said at a gathering: "What I want you to remember is not to lose sight of the Indian leaders in India; it is these that matter—not those that have come to the Conference."

Dominion Status.

It is idle to suppose that India would be satisfied with anything short of Dominion status. The principle of that status the Conference has definitely recognised. It is not, however, the principal alone which matters. To the Indian politician it is the actual working of that principle which is the most vital part. Is it going to be the kernel or the mere shell of that principle which the British Parliament will grant India? That is the question which every Indian politician asks himself. Will the Indian Ministry be really responsible to the Indian Legislature? or will they be just the creatures of the Viceroy and of the Governor? And how fast or slow will be the Indianisation of the Services in India. For how many more years will India depend upon Great Britain for the defence of her territory against external aggression and for maintaining internal order and peace? Such, indeed, are the questions which cross his mind. This is but natural, for Indians feel that their continued dependence upon a foreign Power in such matters, however well-meaning that Power may be, lowers them in the eyes of other peoples.

The principles of the Federal Structure seem to find approval among the delegates; but there are two things about which the Indian delegation do not appear to be enthusiastic. The financial safeguards recommended by the Federal

Structure Sub-Committee and the number of reserved subjects do not find a real place in their hearts, nor does an indefinite and vague period of transition. If men like Jaynkar, Jimah, Christianiani and Dr. Monjee disapprove of them, there is very little hope that the Congress leaders will ever accept them.

A Jarring Note.

There is one regrettably jarring note in the final stages of the Conference, though it will not, in all probability, have any material effect upon the results. I refer to the letter sent to "The Statesman" by the President of the European Association repudiating the approval given by Mr. Gavin Jones, the British Indian delegate, to the principal of responsibility at the centre. The attitude is most unfortunate. That the European community in India should thus express their sentiments towards those who help them in the earning of their daily bread hardly does them credit. They have always demanded that in the event of a new Constitution being drawn up for India, their trading rights would be conserved. But they fail to understand that, as Lord Irwin once said, "the conditions of prosperous and friendly commercial intercourse will always depend far more upon public opinion than upon Government action, and, however, emphatically we may condemn the Civil Disobedience movement and whatever powers we may find it necessary to take to combat it so long as it persists, we should, I am afraid, make a profound mistake if we underestimated the genuine and powerful feeling of nationalism that is to-day animating much of Indian thought, and for this no simple, complete or permanent cure has ever been or ever will be found in strong action by the Government."

It would no doubt be possible to apply a far more ruthless policy of repression than anyone has yet suggested, and after a space of time, be it short or long, to create a desert and call it peace. (In a speech given at a dinner of the Calcutta European Association).

Comradship the Need.

Britain is essentially a commercial nation, and as such her destiny is linked up with that of India, which forms a tremendous source of raw materials and a vast market for British goods. Even such a man as Sir Francis Young, husband, who is regarded as an Imperialist, goes so far as to advocate that the relations between Britain and India should be those of comradeship based on choice and not on compulsion, and that the comradeship should be contracted by announcing openly to Indians that they themselves will be asked to decide whether they will remain in the Empire or not.

Let us hope that the comradeship thus envisaged by Sir Francis Young will soon be born on the timely announcement by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald of what will prove acceptable to all concerned, and that this comradeship will find an abiding place in the heart of the Indian and the Briton to their mutual good.

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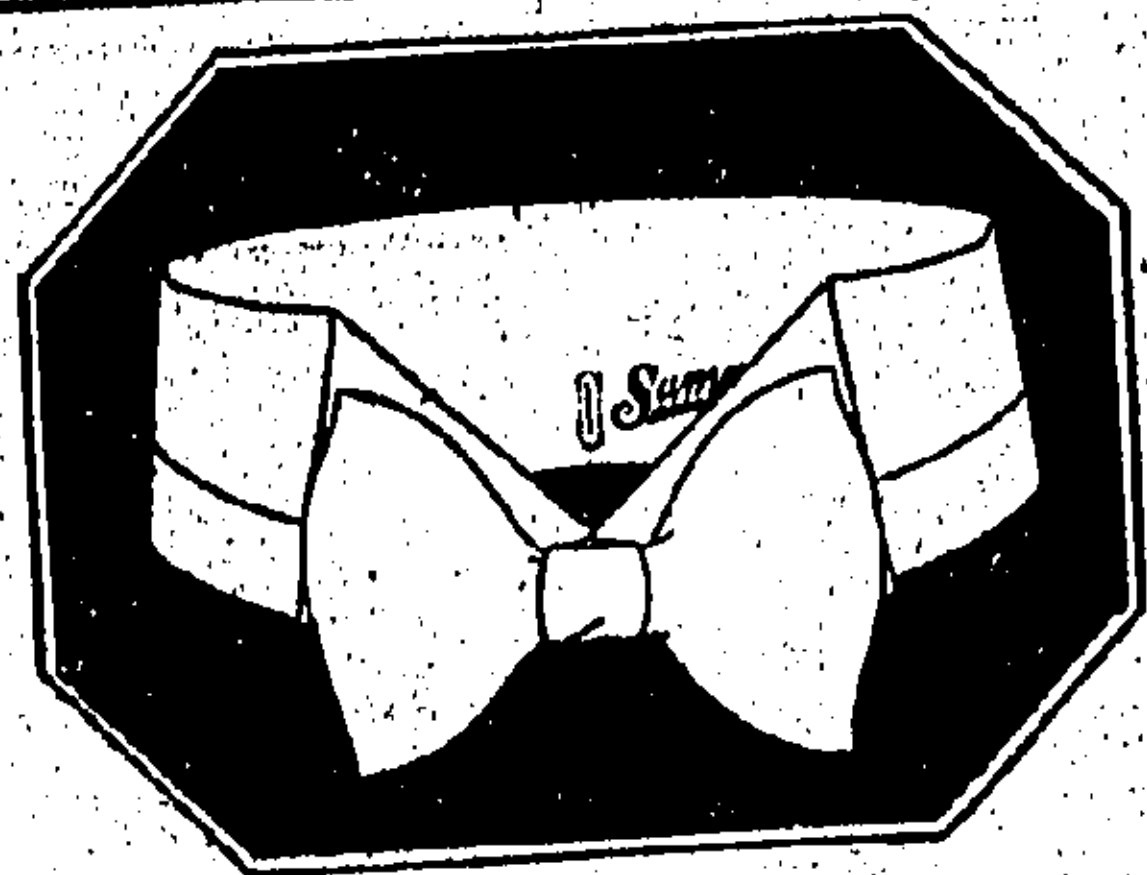
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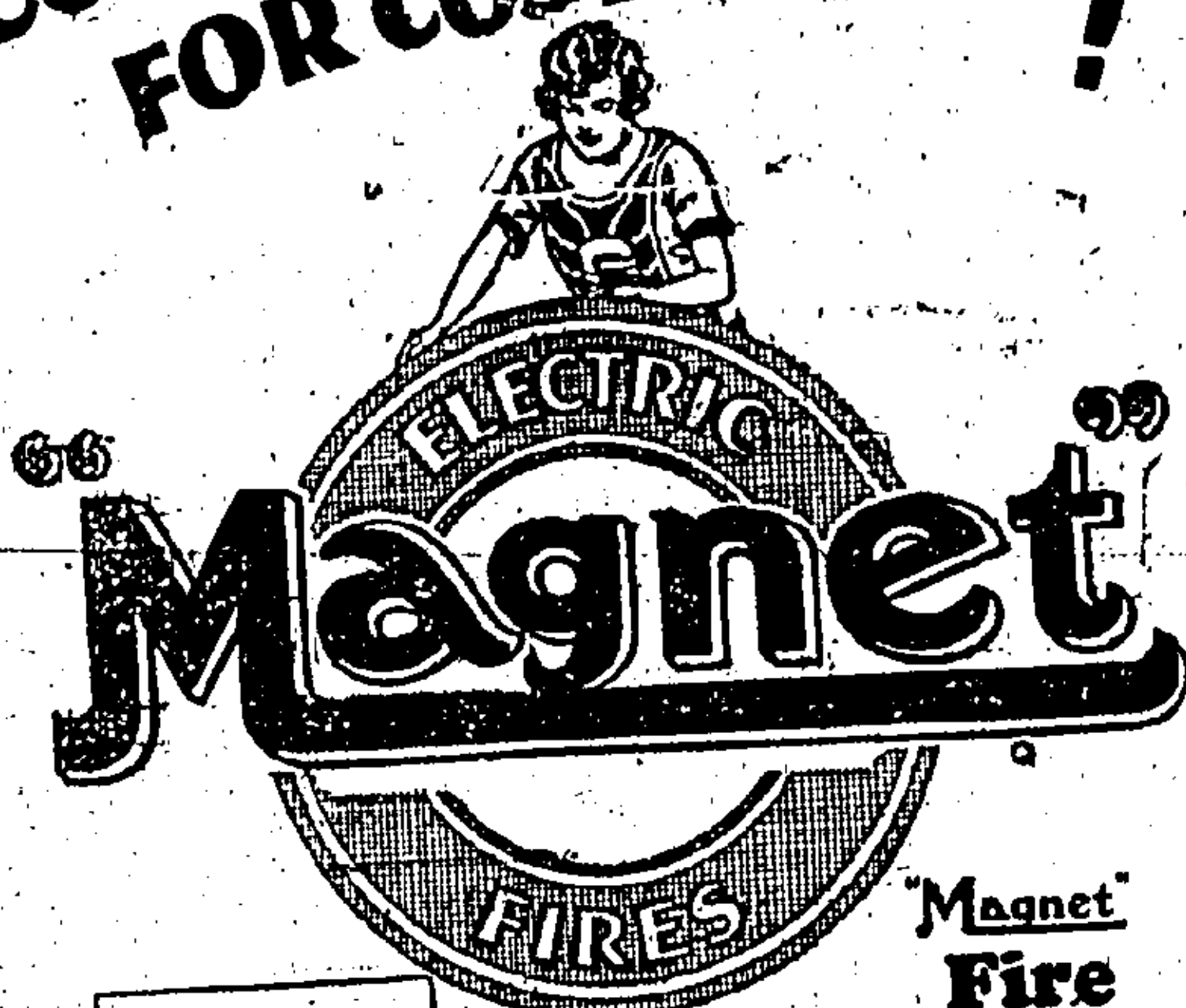
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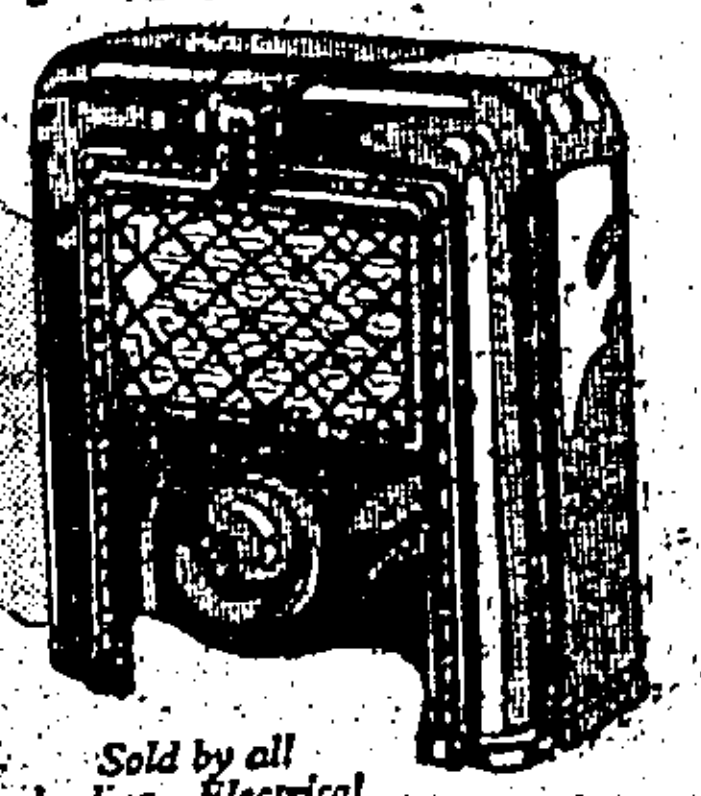
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INAUGURATION OF NEW SERVICE.

At 9.50 a.m. last Friday the Canton Post Office dispatched its first air mail to Wuchow. The First Flight was expected to reach Wuchow at 11.15 a.m. and the first air mail from Wuchow to Canton was expected to reach Canton at 2.30 p.m. when it was to be sorted and despatched by the 4.30 p.m. steamer leaving for Hong Kong.
The inauguration of this new service was attended by the Postal Commissioner, Mr. V. Stapleton-Cotton, Mr. Sa Yik Wun, District Deputy Postal Commissioner, together with some of the senior members of the postal staff who were courteously received at the main gate of the Aviation grounds where a Field Post Office was established to receive mail matter which could be posted at the last minute. Air mails to Wuchow will be despatched daily—Sundays included—at 9 a.m. with one trip daily from Wuchow to Canton; and as soon as conditions permit, this air mail line will be extended to Nanning, the capital of Kwangsi.
The Canton Aviation Bureau is to be congratulated in the efficient manner in which it is conducting its air lines; it has a number of well equipped planes, and on Saturday some 20 students qualified for their wings and were presented with flying certificates.
The next important air mail line under contemplation is the temporary air mail service between Canton and Swatow, which later on will be augmented, by lines to Kungchow, Pakhoi and Chungshan.

ALICE MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED HOSPITALS.

RECENT DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow \$ 100
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall 100
Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so 100
Mr. Li Yau Tsun 100
Mr. Fung Ping Shan 100
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Mr. Leung Pak Yu 100
Mr. Tang Man Tin 100
Mr. Tang Man Chiu 100
Mrs. Tang Woo Shi 100
Mr. Ng Wah 100
Mr. Chan Tung Sang 100
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Mr. Chan Lim Pak 100
Mr. Kwok Siu Lau 100
Mr. Tang Shiu Kin 100
Mr. J. M. Wong 100
Mr. Lo Chap Son 100
Mr. Chan Shu Ming 100
Mr. Sheung Sum Woo 100
Mr. Chan Pak Chun 100
Mr. Au Shun Cho 100
Mr. Li Sing Kui 100
Mr. Ho Wa Sang 100
The late Mr. Chan Siu Ki's estate 100
Mr. T. N. Chan 50
Mr. Yu Cheuk Sang 50
Mr. Chan Foon Tin 50
Mr. Leung Ying Kun 50
Mr. Choy Yat Ho 50
Mr. Choy Wai Yau 50
Mr. Ng Yu Wan 50
Mr. Chan Yu Tin 25
Mr. Tong Yat Chun 25
Mr. Wong Tak Kwong 25
Total \$5,300

HONOURS DECLINED BY BOBBY JONES.

WITHDRAWAL VOLUNTARILY FROM U.S.G.A. COMMITTEE.

New York, Jan. 18.—Mr. Robert Tyne Jones, Jr., the British and American open and amateur golf champion, from his home in Atlanta, Georgia, to-day, telegraphed to the headquarters of the United States Golf Association, asking that his name be withdrawn from among those proposed as candidates for membership on the executive committee.
The U.S.G.A. nominated Mr. H. H. Ramsey to be its president. Mr. Prescott Bush was nominated to be the secretary and Mr. Charles H. Sabin the treasurer.
The U.S.G.A. nominations are tantamount to election.

CANTON'S GOLD BUSINESS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 19.

The unusually high prices offered for gold by the gold shops in Canton are steadily attracting Chinese women in the city and the outlying districts to dispose of their gold rings, bracelets, trinkets and other forms of gold jewellery for silver.

As much as \$110 Canton money for each tael of gold can be obtained. The gold dealers in the city have been reaping no little profit by buying up old gold jewellery for export to Western countries. They melt the gold into ingots, and then sell them to foreign firms for exportation.

According to a semi-official report, the value of the gold exported from Canton during the latter half of last year amounted to approximately \$14,000,000.

From June 1st to September 30th, the gold sold amounted to about \$1,350,000 a month. For the next two months the output increased to over \$2,000,000 a month. For December the amount was well over \$4,000,000.

CANTON-HONG KONG TELEPHONE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK NOW COMMENCED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 19.

Under the direction of Engineer Tang Chung Yew, of the Canton Automatic Telephone Exchange, Canton formally started working yesterday on the Canton-Hong Kong long-distance telephone line, a Sino-British enterprise proposed more than a year ago.

San Ming, Tai Nam, Wai Sun, Tai Tak and other roads are being dug up for the submarine cables. When the lines are laid, work on the main line from Canton to Shun-chun, closely following the Canton-Kowloon Railway, will commence.

EAST BY P. & O. IN OLDEN DAYS.

DISCOMFORTS AND FEASTS.

Travellers by the magnificent fleet of the P. & O. Co. would find some interesting topics for smoke-room and lounge conversation in the speech delivered by Lord Inchcape, as Chairman, at the recent annual meeting of the company's shareholders. For instance, he mentioned that he had received a letter from a lady enclosing a P. & O. dinner bill of fare of the steamer Simla in 1902, which she found among her mother's papers. It was as follows:—

P. & O. S.S. SIMLA.

BILL OF FARE.

15th day of January, 1902

Mutton Broth
Roast Turkeys
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Roast Fore Qrs. Mutton
Roast Geese
Roast Ducks
Roast Fowls
Roast Beef
Roast Ham and Mutton
Corned Beef
Boiled Legs Mutton
Boiled Fowls
Fowl and Ham Pies
Kidney Pudding
Sheep's Head, Braised
Pig's Feet, Braised
Chicken Sauté
Curry and Rice
Second Course
Fruit Tart
Black Cap Pudding
Sausage Pastry
Baked Custards
Apple Turnovers
Jam Tartlets
Sponge Cakes
Brighton Rocks
Pancakes
Rice Puddings

Lord Inchcape thought the digestion of the company's passengers 70 years ago must have been stronger than it is to-day. As showing how things change and go on changing, Lord Inchcape mentioned that he went to India in May, 1874, in a P. & O. steamer from Suva, having crossed Egypt by land. She was 2,441 tons gross register, had a flush deck and close bulwarks; all her cabins were below, oil lamps, no electric light, no fans. He was in a first-class cabin with seven others, and they had two wash-basins! There was no music room, no writing room or lounge, no smoking room. A number of the cabins were off the dining saloon; the cabins shared an oil lamp, and the cabin and the dining saloon were lit by oil lamps. The lights out. A candle for a cabin was only provided on the doctor's order. And this magnificent appointed liner raced along at 10 knots, and going down the Red Sea in the month of May, he added, was no joke.

CRUELTY TO A BABY.

WIDOW COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Allegations of cruelty to an 18-month-old boy whom she had adopted were made against a young widow at an inquest at Hone Bay last month, and the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter.

The widow is Mrs. Charlotte Mellor, of Fairmount, Bellingham, Hone Bay. She was committed for trial at Kent Assizes and the coroner granted her bail, but the police arrested her in the court room and she was brought before the magistrates the next day.

The child was Percy Page, son of an unmarried domestic servant living at Holt, Norfolk, with whom Mrs. Mellor got into touch through an advertisement.

It was stated that she told the police she wanted to adopt the boy so that he could be a companion to her own girl, aged five. Mrs. Mellor has a boarding house and was foster-mother to three other children aged 13 months, 14 months, and five months.

Bruises on the Head.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury (Hon. Pathologist to the Home Office) said that there were bruises on almost every part of the child's head, limbs and body. There was a big bruise on the top of the head, which caused coma and hemorrhage of the brain.

Death, in his opinion, was due to violence. The injury would result in immediate unconsciousness and death either a few minutes later or within a few hours. He agreed that some of the bruises might have been caused by the child falling about, but certainly not the bruise on top of the head, which was the cause of death.

The injury was not caused by the hand but by some object, or it might have been caused by a fall from a great height. "I have very rarely met with such numerous injuries on the body of a young child except in cases where there has been great violence employed," he added.

Alleged Crying.

Police evidence was given that Mrs. Mellor said she noticed the child and she gave him brandy and warm milk and bathed his face. By the time she got the child to a doctor the baby was dead.

The police also said that Mrs. Mellor said:—

"The bruises you have seen on the child's body I attribute to him falling about. I have occasionally smacked him with my open hand, but I did not smack him on the morning of his death."

Nina Lancers, Pension, Old Romney, aged 14, said she was employed by Mrs. Mellor to look after the children. Mrs. Mellor cursed and smacked the child almost every day because he was dirty. When it did not say "Ta," she took it by the shoulders and shook it.

Mrs. Mellor, who was represented by a solicitor, elected not to give evidence.

THEFT FROM "EMPRESS OF RUSSIA."

TWO CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday, two unemployed men were charged with the theft of a trunk containing various articles to the value of \$314, the property of a steamer passenger on the R.M.S. Empress of Russia, lying alongside the Kowloon Wharf on December 29.

The first defendant faced an additional charge, namely, receiving, or having in his possession an overcoat, a plush curtain and a waistcoat, while the second defendant was also charged with having received or had in his unlawful possession a fountain pen, an electric torch, a barometer, a razor, a tray, a statue, a woollen blanket and a coat.

The first defendant pleaded guilty to the theft charge, while the second defendant said he had received the articles from the first defendant.
After Sub-Inspector Rozsarsky had given the facts of the case, the defendants were each sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

BAR SILVER IN NEW YORK.

INCREASE RECORDED ON STEADIER MARKET.

New York, Jan. 10.—An increase in the value of United States bar silver of nearly a whole point was recorded as a result of the trading session on the New York market to-day.

At the close of to-day's business session bar silver was quoted in New York at 29 1/2, up 1/2 from yesterday's closing price level, which was 29.

To-day's bar silver quotation at 29 1/2 is also higher than that which was recorded at the business session on Thursday. The market is believed to have been touched as a result of widespread attention which, during the past few days, has been given to the silver situation and to the effect of the depressed white metal market on world trade.



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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

VACCINATION RETURNS.

The number vaccinated, free of charge, by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, January 15, is:—
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division (Hong Kong) 5,300
King's College Division (Old Boys) 843
King's College Division (Present Boys) 10,204
Railway Division 3,048
Indian Division 9,584
Kowloon Division 19,585
Mongkok Division 1,481
Motor Drivers' Division 1,918
Shaikwan Division 633
St. Joseph's College Division 451
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division (Kowloon) 10,211
Victoria Nursing Division 155
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division 159
Chinese Athletic Association Division 1,000
Total 67,271

The severe cold has reduced the number of persons vaccinated for the week to 1,008.

"KNIGHT'S" BRIDE IN HOSPITAL.

TITLE DUE TO "HIGH HAT" RELATIVES.

Worcester (Massachusetts), Dec. 19.—The former Miss Barbara Duffum, belle of Oxford, Massachusetts, who on Monday last was married to a liner steward's clerk who was described at the ceremony as "Sir Wilton Harold Bramwell," was found to-day living in an exclusive hotel in Boston, the New England capital.
Accompanied by the deputy sheriff, she went to a hospital here, where she had been a patient for some time prior to her marriage.
Mrs. Bramwell, in a brief interview with reporters, claimed that her "high-hat relatives" insisted on conferring a mythical title upon her husband.
"He and I have been innocent of any fraud," she said. "I knew he was not a knight, and he never told me he possessed a title. My relatives persuaded me it would look well to have a titled husband, and insisted he should be given a title for the purpose of a wedding ceremony."
Meanwhile her husband is now aboard the liner pursuing his duties as clerk. He is due to arrive in England on Monday.

TWO WEDDINGS AT
PEAK CHURCH.MISS TUI O'KANE AND MR.
S. O. BERG.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday in the Peak Church, when Miss Tui O'Kane, one of the most popular of the younger set in Sydney, became the wife of Mr. Sverre Osmund Berg. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. M. O'Kane, of Park Lane Mansions, Sydney, Australia, while Mr. Berg, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Berg, is well-known and respected in Hong Kong.

The wedding was solemnized by the Rev. T. G. Waldegrave, and Mr. R. Johansen was groomsmen.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. James Ralston, looked very lovely in her long lace dress fitting gown of white satin. Orange blossoms were twisted into the simple coronet which held in place her long veil of cut tulle which was trimmed with silver lace. The bride's bouquet was a sheaf of gladioli. She was attended by Miss June Ralston, who made a very picturesque flower-girl in her frock of buttercup satin and frilled cap of gold tissue. The girl in the larkspur which she carried, added to the pretty colour scheme.

The bride's mother wore a lido-blue dress and matching hat, and carried a lovely bouquet of flowers. Mrs. James Ralston was becomingly dressed in a beige satin coat and shirt, trimmed with fur.

The many friends of bride and groom assembled after the ceremony at the home of Mrs. James Ralston, kindly lent for the occasion, where the bride's mother received her guests. After a very enjoyable time had been spent by all and the customary toasts had been given, Mr. and Mrs. Berg left for their honeymoon which is being spent at Faaling. The bride's going away dress was of brown crepe remain worn with a stone marten fur.

A large number of wedding gifts, including several cheques, were received by the young couple.

MR. S. A. SLEAP—MISS W. E.
DAKIN.

The wedding was quietly solemnized yesterday at the Peak Church of Mr. Sidney Alfred Sleaf, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, third son of Mr. T. A. Sleaf, Stamford Hill, London, and Miss Winifred Edna Dakin, nursing sister at the Kowloon Hospital, and youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dakin, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, England.

ARREST TWO YEARS AFTER
ALLEGED CRIME.PRISONER ACQUITTED AT
SESSIONS TRIAL.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) and a jury, Wan Lin Yau was charged with taking part in a robbery on board a sampan in the Yau-mai typhoon shelter in October, 1928. Two other men had previously been tried and convicted for the offence.

Prisoner, who was charged with the theft of \$140 and a gold ring, pleaded not guilty.

An interesting feature of the case is that the prisoner was arrested on December 3, last year, by Tao On, the Chinese detective who was shot dead recently by alleged Communists in a Yau-mai tea-house.

This fact was referred to by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who, in outlining the case for the Crown, said that owing to the death of the detective no circumstances connected with the arrest could be placed before the Court.

After evidence had been called, his Lordship told the jury that the sampan woman's husband and they would have to carefully consider the evidence. If there was any doubt in the minds of the jury, the accused should be given the benefit of it.

After half an hour's deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and accused was discharged.

PASSING OF OLD
EASTERN HAND.

MR. C. A. FULCHER.

"HE NEVER MADE AN
ENEMY."

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Charles Augustine Fulcher, who for the last ten years has been associated with Messrs. Moxon & Taylor, the well-known firm of brokers in Hong Kong.

This late Mr. Fulcher had a stroke on Sunday afternoon. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, but never recovered consciousness and died at 4 a.m. yesterday.

The late Mr. Fulcher was born in 1869 and was educated at Harrow School. It may be interesting to note that another old eastern hand, the late Mr. Ronald Potts, brother of Messrs. George and Peter Potts of Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, was a contemporary at Harrow School of the deceased gentleman. Originally intended for the army, the late Mr. Fulcher elected to enter commercial life, and in 1892 he came out to the Far East, joining the firm of Smith Bell & Co., in Manila. He remained in their service for 27 years, during which time he worked in Manila and Cebu, holding the managerial position for many years.

While in the Philippines, he was closely associated with Messrs. C. Moxon and H. Birkett, two well-known local residents, and much sympathy will be extended to these two gentlemen—his oldest friends in the Far East.

The late Mr. Fulcher was in Cebu during the Insurrection in 1899 when the rebel General Aguinaldo rose against the Spaniards and afterwards the Americans. During this period he had many adventures and narrow escapes from death, and, it is said, at one time there was a price on his head.

Ill-health caused him to resign in 1910, but after two years at home, he again ventured out East, coming to Hong Kong, where he joined Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, with whom he was associated up to the time of his death.

A Kindly Soul.

In his younger days he was a fine singer and entertainer and was in great demand at social functions in Manila and Cebu. His affectionate nickname of "Ginger," by which he was universally known throughout the Islands, is a relic of those days when he used to sing a song of that name.

Of an extremely genial and kindly disposition, the late Mr. Fulcher, during his ten years' residence in Hong Kong, gathered round him a wide circle of friends, to whom the news of his passing came as a great shock. A tribute was paid to his memory by a business colleague yesterday when he said "Mr. Fulcher never made an enemy."

He was a keen tennis and golf player and was a prominent member of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. He was a member of the Thatched House Club, London, and the Hong Kong Club, the latter flying their flag at half-mast yesterday as a mark of respect. The deceased was unmarried, but leaves a sister in England.

As a token of respect, the Stock Exchange and Messrs. Moxon and Taylor were closed yesterday afternoon.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery last evening when a large number of friends of the deceased gathered to pay their last respects. The Rev. E. A. Armstrong officiated at the graveside and those present included: Messrs. G. C. Moxon, A. Nissim, G. H. Potts, G. P. Lammert, N. V. A. Droucher, J. Gould, H. Sedgwick, B. T. Dowling, E. M. Raymond, C. A. Harman, Lieutenant-Colonel T. A. Robertson, A. H. Carroll, P. C. Potts, Dr. F. H. Kew, Messrs. R. M. Omar, F. M. Ellis, G. U. de Rosa, Sui Kon Chi, R. Abraham and many others.

Floral Tributes.

Wreaths were sent by the following: His surviving sister, Cicely, Sheila, A.W.C. Smith and Cuan, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Moxon, A. Nissim, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. A. Droucher, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, A. F. Howard and B. W. Summers, Dr. J. Donelan, S. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. G. U. de Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. S. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith, Sir E. Gibson-Craig Carmichael, Bart., P. Trester and Mr. Abraham, Mr. J. T. Bagman, Miss Lily Wong, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. O'Farrell, Miss E. B. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brostedt, E. G. Ren-

Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkett, J. A. Fisher, Leo d'Almada e Castro, C. Jones, G. H. Potts, ex-Kon Chi, Capt. P. W. Grierson, Major Adams, R. Sheephanks, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Omar, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gould, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Continued at foot of next column.)

HONG KONG POLICE
RESERVE.[ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. S. D. C.
WOLFE, C.M.G., INSPECTOR-
GENERAL OF POLICE.]

General.
Revolver Practice.—There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow.

Police Training School.
The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual to-day at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Squad Drill.
All recruits of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

Indian Company.
Strength.—Constable R235 Sheikh Abdullah has been struck off the strength of the Indian Company, as from December 20, 1930.

Flying Squad.
Police Reserve Badge.—The following members of the Flying Squad have qualified for the Police Reserve Badge:—Mr. B. C. Randall, L/S. R301 Chop Hing Ki, Constables R317. Cheng Yew and R304 Lam Chung Mow.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at Tsim-tai-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 6.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Commendation.—Constable R419 A. J. Rapis, Sharpshooters' Company, is commended by the I.G.P. for prompt and fearless action in attacking five men and arresting one Chiu Sang Chun single handed, who was sentenced to 6 months' hard labour for house breaking.

Rifle Club.—A miniature range practice will be held on Thursday at 5.15 p.m. Instruction in rifle holding and aiming will be given by Crown Sergeant R407 W. V. Field.

(Sgd.) D. L. King,
D.S.P. (R.).

SOLDIER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

PTE. J. MARSHALL LAID TO
REST.

The funeral of the late Private John Marshall of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who was drowned in the Kowloon Reservoir on Friday during a cross-country run, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday. The Roman Catholic Chaplain, Rev. J. O'Brien, officiated, and members of the 14th platoon, of which deceased was a member, acted as pall-bearers.

The hearse was preceded by a firing party of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and was followed by a band of pipers of the same regiment which played the lament, "Flowers of the Forest."

Companies of the various regiments and other units stationed in Hong Kong were represented, and officers present were Captain Moir, D.S.O., M.C., Officer commanding "D" Company, A. & S.H., Captain Carmichael, Lieut. Bramwell and Capt. D. L. Strellet, H.K.V.D.C.

Among the many wreaths sent were those from: General Officer Commanding and Officers, Headquarters Command; Officers of the Royal Artillery; 3rd Highlanders; "B" Co., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Officers and men of the Machine Gun Section, Hong Kong Volunteers; European Police Officers, Shamshuipo Station; all ranks of the "C" Company, 93rd Highlanders; and chairman and committee of the Y.M.C.A. "Cheero" Club.

Taggart, Mrs. E. O. Murphy and Miss M. Kirkwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Wong Man Wai, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harriman, J. L. Litton, Poon Chung L., Miss F. A. Cousins, Mr. P. C. Potts, L. T. Cave, G. M. Hemsworth, James Ng, C. O. Castro, L. Dunbar and Mr. T. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sedgwick, L. J. N. Silva, Shi Yu Yau and A. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde Lay, Leo and M. Well, Staff, Moxon and Taylor, H.K.

Members of the Hong Kong Club: Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming; Ellis and Edgar; Smith Bell & Co. (Manila); H.K. Sharebrokers Association; Wright & Co.; F. Y. Silva & Co.; Fred Kew & Co.; Johnson, Stokes and Master; Li, Fun, Kee and many others.

MURDER TRIAL.

AFFRAY AT FELIX VILLAS
RECALLED.WIDOW GIVES EVIDENCE OF
IDENTITY.

The trial commenced yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) of Tui Suk Mei, a Northern Chinese, who was charged with the murder of Ka Sau Hi, another Northerner, at 9, Felix Villas, on December 13, 1930.

Prisoner is defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master. The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. J. Gardner (foreman), O. A. Smith, R. E. MacDouglass, A. Hyde Lay, D. H. Cooper, M. J. Hull and W. J. Brown.

Alleged Quarrels.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy referred to prisoner's alleged quarrels with the other servants when employed at 9, Felix Villas, his subsequent dismissal, and deceased's promotion to fill prisoner's place as house boy.

Counsel said that the murder took place about 5 o'clock in the morning after the deceased, who was sleeping in the room with his wife, had been called out. The woman would give evidence of seeing the prisoner standing near the door with a knife in his hand.

Describing the wounds found on the deceased, Dr. G. V. A. Griffiths said that there were three serious stab wounds, one of which went through the heart and damaged the left lung. There were also cuts on the hands and face which would suggest that the deceased struggled with his assailant to defend himself.

Widow's Evidence.

The deceased's widow, giving evidence, said that her husband opened the door on hearing a voice outside call him by name. He had just switched on the light when he gave a cry of distress and fell forward. A few seconds afterwards she saw the assailant with a knife in his hand. Witness said she was

"STAR" FERRY DIVIDEND.

Subject to audit, "The Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., report that the balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ended Dec. 31, 1930, is \$219,349.00, which together with \$24,487.03 brought forward from the previous year makes a total of \$243,836.00 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

To pay a dividend of	\$2 per share and	\$380,000.00
a bonus of \$2 per	share	\$2,836.00
To carry forward		\$382,836.00

sure that the prisoner was the man. He stood there for a moment and then ran away.

At the close of the woman's evidence, his Lordship reminded her that she was accusing the prisoner of a crime which was punishable by death. In answer to his Lordship, witness said that her statement was true.

In answer to the other questions, witness said that the prisoner during his employment at the house had been quarrelling and fighting with her husband. She was not aware of what other grievances existed between the two men, and so far as witness knew her husband had not been quarrelling with other men.

DAME CLARA BUTT.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT
RECITAL.

Another crowded and enthusiastic house at the Theatre Royal last night paid tribute to the superb art and charming personality of England's famous prima donna, Dame Clara Butt.

Every item in her varied repertoire was magnificently rendered and was greeted with round after round of applause and prolonged demands for encores.

The reception given to the great contralto was almost equalled by that accorded her husband, Mr.

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DEAD INFANT IN
PUBLIC GARDENS.CORONER HOLDS INQUIRY
INTO RECENT DISCOVERY.DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE AND
OPINION.

A Coroner's inquest was conducted yesterday by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in connection with the finding of the dead body of a Chinese baby in the Public Gardens on November 14 last.

Evidence was given by employees of the Public Gardens to the effect that on the afternoon of November 14 a parcel, from which the leg of a baby was protruding, was picked up under a bush in the Gardens near the gate by Albany Road. The Central Police Station was notified and in due course the body was removed by the Sanitary Department and was taken to the Mortuary.

Dr. A. V. Grieves, giving evidence, stated that on November 16 last he found the bodies of two Chinese babies in the Mortuary. These were numbered 3 and 4. No. 3, said witness, was a few days old and No. 4 was newly-born.

A post-mortem on the body of the newly-born infant showed that it died from asphyxia due to strangulation. The doctor discovered a strip of print cloth about one and a half inches wide and about fifteen inches long, securely tied round the infant's neck. The doctor added that he was satisfied that the child was not still-born, and said that in his opinion, the baby must have been dead 36 hours.

No Special Report.

This body, said witness, was sent to the Mortuary from No. 7, Police Station. Witness added that he made a report of his discovery to the C.I.D. through the ordinary routine and made no special report about it. In answer to a question by the Coroner, Dr. Grieves said that he realised now he should have made a special report of the strangulation to the C.I.D., but it did not occur to him at the time.

In answer to another question by the Coroner, witness said that the strip of cotton which was tied round the neck of the child had not been preserved.

Witness explained that as a rule, a police officer was present at post-mortem examinations, and they generally took a note of all these facts, but on this particular occasion there was no police officer present.

Regarding the routine of admitting dead bodies to the Mortuary, witness said that each body was accompanied by a police card, giving details of the case. He could not say whether these cards were tied to the body in the past, but since November 14, he had given definite instructions to the Mortuary attendant not to admit a body unless the police card was properly tied on to the body.

In answer to a question by Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse (A.S.P.), who was present in Court, witness said that there were two attendants at the Mortuary. The body of the baby was admitted by the father of the No. 1 attendant, who was not a Government employee. The No. 1 attendant had obtained leave that day to attend his mother-in-law's funeral, but the No. 2 attendant should have been there.

The inquiry will be continued to-day.

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noting the accident, drove to the accident, stopped the machine and by gradually working the machine on forward gear extricated the lad. Robert was removed to the Kowloon Hospital where an operation was immediately performed. It is understood that the injury is of a serious nature.



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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the SECRETARY. Entries CLOSE on SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1931.

Hong Kong, 16th Jan., 1931. [21]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1931, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY, to TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY. Both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Hong Kong, 12th Jan., 1931. [19]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated:—
The anti-cyclone appears to be central to the south of the Yangtze Valley. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

MARRIAGE.

SLEAP-DARIN.—On January 19, at Peak Church, Sydney, 3rd son of Mr. T. A. SLEAP, of Stamford Hill, London, to WINIFRED, Hill, London, the late youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK DUKIN of Sutton Bridge, Line, England. (Shanghai papers please copy). [742]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hirst, and family, wish to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all friends for the letters of condolence, floral tributes, and attendance at the funeral, in their recent sad bereavement.

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BIG CITIES.

THE Government's decision to take a census of the Colony reminds us that the Water Authority puts the population of Victoria at 448,000 and of Kowloon at a modest 144,000. If the Chinese community can be persuaded that the census form is not an income-tax return, or anything else of diabolical nature, the Waterworks Department will probably have a great surprise. Victoria, stretching in unbroken line from Kennedy Town to Shaikwan, must, surely, house more than half a million people, and Kowloon, from Tsim Sha Tsui to Shan Shui Po and Old Kowloon City, must greatly exceed 144,000 citizens.

Official estimates are generally conservative, but according to a census recently taken by Shanghai Bureau of Public Safety—a Chinese municipal corporation—the total population of "Greater Shanghai," which comprises the International Settlement, French Concession, and the Chinese City, together with the suburbs of Nantao and Chapei, is 2,720,000. Of this number 47,600 are classed as foreigners or non-Chinese. Greater Shanghai, with a population of over two and a half million, thus ranks as the sixth largest city in the world.

The figures for the International Settlement, with an area of approximately ten square miles, are 827,000 Chinese and 29,000 foreigners. The International Settlement of Shanghai can undoubtedly claim to be the most cosmopolitan city in the world. The 29,000 foreigners comprise, altogether, 39 different nationalities, and what are described in the census return as "11 sundries." Neither the authorities nor the people themselves could assign a home of country of origin to the odd 11, so they were classed as "sundries."

With regard to the foreign population of Shanghai, Japan easily heads the list with over 14,000, followed by Great Britain with approximately 6,000. The actual Chinese population of the Settlement is almost an unknown quantity, and varies from week to week, depending, as does Hong Kong, largely upon the political and social conditions prevailing in the country.

When these conditions are uncertain the Chinese population of the foreign settlement goes up by leaps and bounds.
On turning to Whittaker's Almanac for the current year we find that the list of the world's big

cities is headed by Greater London with a population of 7,480,201 (we like the nice accuracy!). New York with 6,931,927, comes hard on its heels. What a proud day it will be for New York and the whole of America when London drops to second place. Berlin is fourth and Canton thirteenth. Peiping and Nanking also stand high. But the list is hardly a fair one. Our own Victoria, stated to be 577,000 elsewhere in Whittaker, is quite overlooked, though Singapore with half a million takes last place.

It would be interesting to compare cities of the modern world with those of antiquity. Imperial Rome had about two million inhabitants, and Jerusalem had nearly a million people within her walls at the time of the great siege in 70 A.D. Ancient Babylon, the Great City of the old world, may have covered an area of two hundred square miles, as against the seven hundred of London. Babylon, moreover, had an outer and an inner wall, the space between the two including agricultural land and a hunting park. Nineveh, its mighty rival, spread along either bank of the Tigris for over three miles. Its size is quite unknown, but while the walled city was only about three square miles there was a huge agglomeration of suburbs. Probably both Babylon and Nineveh, not unlike Nanking, Hankow and Kowloon, had wide streets, big tenement houses, swarming with people, and a few huddles of primitive villages. The great city has always captured the imagination, and the ruins of their glory exercise a spell over all who study the past history of humanity.

What speculation and argument will be aroused and wild hypothesis put forward as fact when the excavators of 15,000 A.D. come upon the strange remains of Victoria and the Peak. How will they explain the evidence of conflicting styles of architecture and manner of life!

AN OUTSIDE VIEW OF FREEMASONRY.

BRITISH Freemasonry is a very fine expression of the characteristics of our race. It is loyal, religious, charitable, well-managed, and genial. It is, we believe, very different from Continental Freemasonry, which has a reputation for dissoluteness, secret plotting and avowed atheism. It has come under the ban of the Roman Catholic Church, which forbids membership of the craft to its congregations. The ban extends to British Masonry, because the Roman Church always insists on a rigid uniformity of policy, and makes no distinctions, though, in this case, two very different institutions bear the same name.

British Freemasonry commands the general respect of the nation. The KING, the PRINCE OF WALES and the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT are all Masons, and have held high office. Masonic schools, hospitals and orphanages are models for charitable organisations. In any British community there is sure to be a Masonic Lodge, and the craft is particularly strong out East and in the British Navy.

Attendance at last Sunday evening's Masonic Service at St. John's Cathedral, and the sight of Hong Kong's leading and most solid citizens decked in their lodge regalia would have dispelled the idea that there was anything about the Craft that needs hiding from the light of day. Masons have their secrets, but to put a sinister interpretation on the existence of those secrets is about as reasonable as to believe certain not very dissimilar pieces of nonsense about the Jews.

In nothing has the Anglican Church shown greater wisdom than in its handling of Masonry. A huge proportion of Anglican clergy are Masons, and, in these days, quite a number of Free Church Ministers. Every lodge seems to have its chaplain, and most of the English Bishops hold, or have held, the office of Grand Master.

The orthodoxy of the religious views of the craft. The stately prayers used at the Masonic Service have a diction worthy of the Book of Common Prayer, and there is, we believe, no instance of an English theologian resigning from the Freemasons as a protest against heresy in the Lodge!

★ News and Views ★

How to be Happy!

Man (buying dog): "I want a fidgety sort of animal; one that will make my wife keep saying: 'George, I think that dog wants taking out for a run.'"

"Hello, There."

Four million three hundred thousand hand telephones in the United States have now been provided with dial service. This is 28 per cent. of the total stations. The conversion to the new system in all places for which it is suitable will be completed within eight or ten years.

Japanese Carners.

Wrestlers who compete in the annual Japanese Championship are of great stature—often six feet—and tower head and shoulders above the rest of the countrymen. The championship contests last for nine days and not infrequently wrestlers are carried out, maimed for life, often, as happened at the games recently concluded, with a broken spine.

British Actors in America.

Miss Milian Braithwaite, who recently returned to England from America, says that Equity, the well-known Actors' Association in the United States, has made conditions of stay in America easier for British actors and actresses. Previously they were allowed only a six months' stay. Now, if they are invited to play a star part, the stay can be extended.

Why Chevalier was Banned.

Why Cardiff banned Maurice Chevalier was disclosed at a special meeting of the city council when members objected to the programme of French songs submitted. The Council confirmed the action of the chief constable in refusing Chevalier permission to sing certain songs. The Lord Mayor, Alderman R. G. H. Snook, said that the chief constable had certain songs translated from the French to English. Other members confirmed the action of the chief constable. Councillor Lewis said Cardiff had been described as being puritanical, but if London or any other city had a proper translation of these French songs, they would not allow them. The Council decided that it was unnecessary to hear the chief constable's views.

Gracie Fields in a Talkie.

Gracie Fields is to appear in a talkie film, with her husband, Archie Pitt, and her brother, Tommy Fields. One of the scenes may be "shot" at the mill in Rochdale where she formerly worked. It was announced at a gathering of the Music Hall Ladies' Guild in London that Miss Fields and Mr. Pitt have given a house and grounds at the seaside for orphan children.

Hindenburg's Christmas Party.

President Hindenburg gave in Berlin on December 22, a little Christmas party to a few State officials and employees in the presidential palace. His guests ranked from a State Secretary to a charwoman. He sat beneath a glistening Christmas tree in his office, sipping coffee and chatting happily while his daughter-in-law distributed gifts.

"Cold Blood of Avarice"

Mr. William Brodie, Dean of the Faculty of Procurators, declared at Glasgow last month that the Irish Free State was a "surely," he said, "in these days public opinion would make short shrift of any attempt to supplant voluntary giving by a gambling system. 'Such a system might bring in the money more quickly and more amply, but in the end it would in the cold blood of avarice in gambling, murder the gentle spirit which prompted generous giving without expectation of any return.'"

A Great Reunion.

The Circus luncheon at Olympia has become one of the reunions of the year. Most of those present could spend half an hour going round shaking hands with old friends. And there are always at least a few new faces. The Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor, Lord Lansdale, the Maharajah of Alwar, Lord Dunsbury, Lord Jellicoe, Lord Rosebery, Lord Brentford, Lord Tweedmouth, and Sir Walter Gilbey. Mr. A. J. Munro, R.A., the famous painter of hunting scenes was heard to remark that "Jim" Thomas had joined them recently at a stag hunt in the West Country and certainly saw no cruelty.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

One case (Chinese) of typhoid fever was reported for the 48 hours ended January 18.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon when business of a routine nature will be discussed.

Judge Samuel S. Green of Australia, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived here on the a.s. President Pierce yesterday.

At the Rotary Club luncheon at Lane, Crawford's restaurant at 1 p.m. to-day, Professor J. L. Shell-shear will speak on "The Scope of Anatomy."

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, with Mr. O. Dudley Bartlett as accompanist, will give a piano and song recital at the Helena May Institute on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

At Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. H. R. Butters imposed a fine of \$60 or five weeks' imprisonment on a Chinese woman who was charged with keeping a house of ill-fame at 30, Nanking Street, 1st floor.

Sentence of one month's imprisonment was passed by Mr. H. R. Butters on a Chinese, who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with stealing certain articles of clothing from Nos. 110 and 112, Shanghai Street.

The Hong Kong Station of the Eastern Extension Australia & China Telegraph Co., Ltd., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., announce that normal telegraphic working with Shanghai and beyond has been re-established.

The master of the Tak Yee tea-shop made a report to the Police to the effect that during a fire which broke out in the premises, some person entered his cubicle, and after ransacking the place, got away with money and jewellery valued at \$1,170.

When a Chinese woman was charged before Mr. Lindell with hawking vegetables without a licence, it was stated that she was a cobbler. The Magistrate cautioned the woman and asked her to apply to the Hawkers' Office for a licence.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday, a Chinese was brought up on three separate charges of house-breaking, and on the man pleading guilty to all of these, he was sentenced to terms of six, three and three months in prison, the sentences to run concurrently.

Major-General John L. Hines, commanding the U.S. army in the Philippines, accompanied by his two aides, Captain Cleland and Lieut. Hines, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by a.s. President Pierce. From here they will proceed to French Indo-China to review French troop manoeuvres.

The case in which Kwan Chuen was charged with a breach of the Tobacco Ordinance, namely having in his possession 604 lbs. of tobacco on which duty had not been paid, was concluded before Mr. H. R. Butters at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when the man was fined \$2,500. Mr. J. M. Remedios appeared for the defence.

In connection with the recent robbery at 62A, Bonham Road, a Chinese named Lo Kij has been arrested for having taken part in the robbery. Brought before Mr. Lindell yesterday, the man was told by the Magistrate that he was seen in the street by one of the inmates of the house who recognised him. It was stated that a gold ring valued at \$10 has been recovered.

Mr. E. H. Williams delivered judgment in the Western Market Murder case at Central Magistracy yesterday when he discharged the defendant, Mr. Kuen, who was charged with the murder of a joki named in the Colony, so that our streets are teeming with them, and we understand there are now close on 400 plying for hire, besides a few for private use.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, January 18, 1931.

Queen Victoria's Book.

When the Shah of Persia came to visit Queen Victoria he gave her a copy of her own "Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands" done into modern Persian and handsomely illuminated. Naturally the volume was carefully preserved, and it is being lent by the King to the Persian Exhibition. It would be interesting to know if the Shah read the book and, if so, what he made of that rigorously simple life at Balmoral with the long, cold drives, the chilly picnics and the water-colour sketching, and if he ventured on any Persian imitation. The old Empress of China used to pretend to sketch in imitation of Queen Victoria.

Lantern Slides of China.

In an article to his old paper, Mr. O. M. Green, formerly editor of the *North-China Daily News*, mentions an experience which, in a variety of ways, has been the lot of more than one old resident of China in this country. He went to a recognised firm of lantern-slide makers, who supply leading lecturers. "The slides of Chinese street trades, wheelbarrows, sampan, etc., were excellent, because these things never change," he says. "But all the men were queues; a picture of the Shanghai Bund was taken, I should judge, in about 1905; and another Shanghai picture showed the mandarin being carried through the Settlement in his chair. When I told the manager that mandarins and sedans were extinct and that modern Chinese officials wore Western clothes and drove in high-powered cars, he seemed quite annoyed." The attitude of many trades in this country; they change, and are never up to date. What did for grandfather is good enough for them. In the case of pictures of China, especially, one frequently comes across reproductions of a China that has gone illustrating a live piece of news from that quarter in our up-to-the-minute newspapers. When Mr. Green requires China lantern-slides another time he would be well-advised not to trust to the slide-maker's stock but to have them made from his own photographs. It is the only way to get satisfaction, and it obviates a heap of argument. A slide-maker, waking out of his sleep, might even make an offer for the copyright!

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

Felix Villas murder trial. Page 5.
Police Reserve orders. Page 5.
Two weddings were solemnised at the Peak Church yesterday. Page 5.
The funeral of the late Mr. C. A. Fulcher took place yesterday. Page 5.

Robert Vincent, a soldier's son, was seriously injured in an accident in Kowloon yesterday. Page 5.

A Chinese charged with robbery on board a sampan was acquitted on his trial at the Criminal Sessions. Page 5.

The Directors of the Star Ferry Co. are to recommend a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$2 per share. Page 5.

A Coroner's inquest is being conducted in connection with the dead body of a Chinese boy found in the Public Gardens. Page 5.

Pto. J. Marshall, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, who lost his life by drowning on Friday, was buried yesterday. Page 5.

To-day's wireless programme. Page 3.

Shipping Intelligence. Page 13.

Sport.

Junior cricket notes. Page 8.

Latest Cables.

The South Wales miners resumed work yesterday. Page 7.

The Shanghai Greyhound Race Club has replied to the Municipal Council regarding the closure of the track. Page 7.

The Test cricket match between South Africa and the England XI was resumed yesterday, the South Africans scoring 177 runs. Page 7.

The Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce has protested to the Washington Chamber of Commerce against the proposed silver loan to China. Page 7.

President Hoover has appointed a Committee to assist the Red Cross in raising \$10,000,000 for the relief of the sufferers in the drought-stricken areas in America. Page 7.

Lightning raids on suspected radicals at Shanghai led to the discovery of documents revealing that a Red demonstration was planned to be held at Shanghai on Wednesday. Page 7.

China made application to the League of Nations Council for the services of Sir Arthur Salter and Mr. Haas to advise on the reform of Chinese finances and the organisation of inland waterways, which was agreed to. Page 7.

In the Assembly at New Delhi, Sir James Crear, Home Member, announced that the Government had decided not to proceed with the Press and Unlawful Investigation Bills in view of the general desire of the House to create a proper atmosphere for the forthcoming momentous announcement by the Prime Minister. Page 7.

\$22,000 Theatre for Amateurs.

Bournemouth, it is claimed, will be the first town to have a completely equipped theatre for amateur performances. It is to cost \$22,000. The foundation stone was laid in December.

The Dogs "Going Strong"

At the annual banquet of the National Greyhound Racing Society of Great Britain, held in London, it was stated by the chairman, Lord Askwith, that by the end of the year, 17,000,000 people will have attended the licensed tracks. This represents an increase of one million over last year. The matter, however, is better illustrated when it is said that at the very first meeting at Manchester there was a crowd of only 700. Soon after that, of course, the new sport took a firm hold, and in 1927 5,000,000 men and women were giving it their support.

Tragedy of a Colonel.

An open verdict was returned at an inquest on Colonel George Francis Henry Le Breton Simmons, aged sixty-six, of Gilbury, Lostwithiel, who was found decapitated on the Lostwithiel-Fowey railway line. Colonel Simmons had been living in retirement in the Royal Engineers. He organised the South Scottish coast defences during the Boer War, and was awarded the C.B. Dr. E. H. Rudge said that Colonel Simmons had complained of attacks of dizziness, and he might have had an attack while walking along the line, causing him to fall. There was no evidence of financial or other worries.

SHANGHAI REDS
FRUSTRATED.SENSATIONAL RAIDS ON
SUSPECTED RADICALS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19. Important documents were discovered following a series of lightening raids on 27 suspected radicals. The arrested included two women. The documents reveal that a large-scale Communist demonstration was planned for Shanghai on Wednesday, the anniversary of Lenin's death, which has now been thwarted.

The literature includes poems comparing policemen's hands with the eagle's talons, and claiming that the Communists are standing among the people like a burning fire, united as if bound with chains or ropes.

GOLD LOAN TO CHINA.

EXCITEMENT IN SHANGHAI
CHINESE CIRCLES.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19. Excitement was aroused in Chinese circles by a report stating that a League of Nations' special delegate is expected soon to proceed to China on a mission to arrange an international gold loan of \$100,000,000 to China.

Mr. T. V. Soong is now on his way to Nanking from Tientsin. He should have joined General Chang Hsueh Liang on the latter's return to Mukden, but he cancelled his journey at the last moment on receipt of a telegram from Marshal Chiang Kai Shek urging him to return to Nanking at once.

Mr. Soong's return to the capital is believed to be connected with the above proposed gold loan.

SINO-SOVIET CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

HANKIN, Jan. 19. Moh Teh Hui, the Chinese delegate to the Sino-Russian Conference at Moscow, left here for Mukden last night in order to interview General Chang Hsueh Liang and to report to him the latest developments in connection with the Moscow Conference.

After a few days' sojourn at Mukden he will probably proceed to Nanking.

KWANGSI PEACE PROBLEM.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Jan. 19. According to a Canton semi-official news agency, Mr. Wu Ting Yang, the Rehabilitation Commissioner of Kwangsi, left Canton for Hong Kong to-day after a consultation with the Canton Government regarding the peace problem in Kwangsi.

Immediately after his arrival at Hong Kong he will join with General Wang Shao Hung and other Kwangsi representatives on a visit to Nanking.

It is authoritatively stated that the result of Mr. Wu Ting Yang's discussion with the Canton leaders was highly satisfactory and that as soon as he and General Wang Shao Hung return from Nanking, the Kwangsi situation will be definitely settled.

ARCHBISHOP OF
CANTERBURY.ORDERED TO TAKE A LONG
REST.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 19. It is officially announced that the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang) has been ordered to take at least three months' rest.

His Grace is suffering from severe neuralgia due to overwork.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

BRITISH COAL
SETTLEMENT.VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF
TERMS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 19. The Archbishop of Canterbury's doctors report that he is suffering from a severe fifth nerve neuralgia due to overwork, and that a complete rest for at least three months is essential.

THE SOUTH WALES MINERS' CONFERENCE.

The South Wales miners' conference yesterday accepted the terms of settlement reached in London on Thursday, by 180 votes to 72.

Miners Actually Resume Work.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 19. The South Wales miners have resumed work.

SHANGHAI DOG
RACING.CLUB REPLIES TO
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19. The Greyhound Racing Club has replied to the Municipal Council, holding that the threatened closure of the dog track is tantamount to an act of illegal and despotic expropriation. The selection of March 31 as the time limit was due either to a callous disregard of the hardships inflicted or was prompted by a desire to prevent the ratepayers from considering the matter at the annual meeting in April.

The Club desires the whole question to be submitted to the ratepayers.

WORLD'S TRAFFIC IN
OPIUM.GENEVA PUBLICITY AND
PROPAGANDA FAIL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, Jan. 19. That the League of Nations' Central Opium Board's publicity and propaganda failed to reduce appreciably the world traffic in opium was reported by Mr. Lyall, chairman of the Opium Committee to the Council.

He said that the traffic continued on an immense scale, and, failing other means, the Board must use its powers to denounce those countries which are in danger of becoming centres of the illicit traffic.

The report of the Board to the Council complained that certain countries, some of whom signed the Geneva Opium Convention, were slow in responding to its request for information. Some gave figures only of legal imports, and did not refer to the seizure of illicit drugs. Others lumped together, while information from South America and Central American States was almost entirely absent.

The Council adopted the Board's suggestions that it should be allowed to recommend an embargo on imports of drugs from offending countries, and also that the origin of illicit drugs seized should be reported to the Board.

H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES.

BLOCKAGE ON LINE DELAYS
JOURNEY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BORDEAUX, Jan. 19. The train in which the Prince of Wales and Prince George were travelling to Santander from Paris to-day was temporarily held up owing to an accident earlier in the night to an express train from Spain, which resulted in a blockage of the line and necessitated the transfer of passengers on both the up and down lines to other trains in the prefecture of Bordeaux.

However, it was subsequently learned that the Prince had passed through Bayonne at 12.10 p.m. and a telephone order was sent to Santander to delay the s.s. Oropesa's departure.

Impassable Barrier.

The mishap occurred at Morceux, in the heart of the desolate Landes district, on arrival at which the Prince was faced with an impassable barrier of over a mile of ploughed up track, imposing a delay of five hours, while a special train was summoned from the South and Thier Highways, with their luggage, were transferred across the gap.

Prince of Wales Sails.

SANTANDER, Jan. 19. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sailed on the Oropesa at 9 p.m.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
DEVELOPMENT.AUTO-CARRIER FOR CHANNEL
SERVICE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 19. A new steamer to carry passengers and motor-cars across the Channel by the Folkestone, Boulogne and Dover-Calais routes is being built for the Southern Railway.

It is called an auto-carrier and will accommodate 35 cars as well as passengers and crew.

The auto-carrier is being constructed by Messrs. Henderson, Ltd., Glasgow, and will cost approximately £20,000.

The Southern Railway are also building 30 new engines and much other rolling stock.

They are extending the electrification system, rebuilding several stations and spending during the year a further £1,000,000 on the Southampton Docks' extension scheme.

U.S. SILVER LOAN
TO CHINA.SHANGHAI AMERICAN
CHAMBER PROTESTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19. The American Chamber of Commerce cabled the Washington Chamber of Commerce protesting against the intended silver loan to China, maintaining that such a step at this juncture would tend to make conditions worse.

BUILDING BLAZE IN
CONSTANTINOPLE.TWENTY TRAPPED AND
SEVEN INCINERATED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 18. Over a score of persons were trapped in a blazing building comprising commercial offices and a cinema film store in the centre of the commercial district.

Seven were incinerated, three asphyxiated, and 14 seriously injured, four of whom were mangled whilst jumping out of windows.

The casualties include many typist and work girls.

AMY JOHNSON: DELAYED.

ENGINE TROUBLE COMPELS
FORCED LANDING.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, Jan. 19. Miss Amy Johnson, the famous British aviatrix, who left Warsaw for Berlin to-day, made a forced landing at Kłodawa owing to engine trouble.

Miss Johnson was unhurt, and it is understood that she will resume her flight to-morrow.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
RECORD FLIGHT.LONDON-COLOGNE IN TWO
HOURS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 18. An Imperial Airways liner established a commercial air speed record yesterday by flying from London to Cologne, on the first stage of the England-to-India flight, in two hours and five minutes at an average speed of 161 miles per hour.

CUBA SUGAR CANEFIELD
CONFLAGRATION.CAMPAIGN OF ARSON AT ITS
HEIGHT.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

HAVANA, Jan. 18. Nearly 10,000,000 pounds of sugar cane were burned yesterday in Matanzas and Havana Provinces.

The fire is attributed to incendiaries and represents the largest conflagration in the canefields for years.

Cuban Government Issues Decree.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. A message from Havana states that a decree has been signed fixing the tax on the sugar industry at 11 cents a bag of 325 lbs. of manufactured sugar of the next five years' crops.

After five years, the tax will be 50 cents a bag until 1940.

In order to prevent the expansion of the industry, a special tax of \$25 will be levied on all bags produced by any new mill established in the next five years.

INDIAN PRESS LAW.

GOVERNMENT POSTPONE
CONSIDERATION.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 19. In the Assembly, Sir James Craik, Home Member, announced that the Government had decided to postpone consideration of the Press and Unlawful Investigation Bills in view of the general desire for the forthcoming elections.

Mr. Rangachari, leader of the Opposition, urged the suspension of the Press and Unlawful Investigation Ordinances as well.

Sir James Craik said he was unable to add anything to his statement.

ROUND TABLE
CONFERENCE.

FINAL PLENARY SESSION.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 19. At the final Plenary Session of the Round Table Conference to-morrow, the Prime Minister (Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) will make a statement of the Government policy.

Lord Reading and Lord Peel will also speak.

The Observer says: "As Mr. MacDonald will only indicate the broad lines of the Government's Bill, Lord Peel is not expected to give more than provisional and limited approval to the declaration."

The Viceroy (Lord Irwin) referred to the Round Table Conference in a speech on opening the Legislative Assembly at Delhi yesterday.

He said: "Great Britain has realised, as she has heard it at first hand from all sections of the Indian delegation, something of the new forces that are animating the political thought of India."

He described the Conference as the turning-point of the constitutional history of India.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

The Round Table Conference ends to-day.

The first business of the morning was the final meeting of the Minorities' Sub-Committee.

The report of this body, in which one paragraph relating to the protection of the British mercantile community in India had been drafted, was adopted by the Full Committee of the Conference.

The following is the new clause: "At the instance of the British commercial community the principle was generally agreed that there should be no discrimination between the rights of British mercantile community firms and companies trading in India and the rights of Indian-born subjects, and that an appropriate convention based on reciprocity should be entered into for the purpose of regulating."

The Prime Minister's statement of the Government's intentions will be made this afternoon.

Minorities and Depressed Classes.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 19. The final report of the Minorities' Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference recommends that the Conference register an opinion favourable to the desirability of an agreement upon the claims made thereto, and that negotiations should be continued between the representatives concerned, with a request that the result of their efforts be reported to those engaged in the next stage of the negotiations.

It adds that the Minorities and Depressed Classes were definite in asserting that they could not consent to any self-governing constitution unless their demands were met in a reasonable manner.

Concluding Proceedings Commence.

The concluding proceedings of the Indian Round Table began with the final meeting of the Minorities' Sub-Committee, at which the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, brought in a revised report of the Sub-Committee.

Subsequently the Plenary Session continued the discussion of the reports of the Sub-Committees, including the Federal Structure Sub-Committee.

An important pronouncement by Mr. MacDonald on the policy of the Government in regard to the future constitution of India is expected to be made this afternoon.

LATER.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald appealed to the 20 delegates who were down to speak to withdraw their names in view of the shortness of time.

A number did so, then the Maharajah of Patiala resumed the general discussion. He emphasised that the Princes could only federate with British India, which was self-governing.

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OBITUARY.

DR. ETHEL BENTHAM.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 18. The death has occurred of Dr. Ethel Bentham, the Labour M.P. who won the East Islington seat at the last General Election after contesting that seat on three previous occasions.

She was a great champion of women's interests, and said recently that women were still in the hothouse stage.

"We are still seeking full emancipation in practice as well as in theory."

The voting at the last General Election at East Islington was: Dr. Bentham, 15,109; Major Tasker (Con.), 13,641; Mr. E. C. Middleton (Lib.), 11,130.

ECONOMIC BARRIERS
OF EUROPE.APPEAL FOR CONSIDERA-
TION OF REDUCTION.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 18.

An appeal for earnest consideration of proposals for reducing economic barriers was made by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the British Foreign Minister, speaking yesterday at Geneva at the Committee for the Economic Union of Europe.

Mr. Henderson referred to the different Economic Conferences held under the auspices of the League of Nations, and recalled that 29 Governments had accepted the principles laid down by the conference held in 1927.

In spite of promises to implement these resolutions, however, they were still unfulfilled.

Mr. Henderson asked what was going to happen in Europe if the tariff negotiations failed. Failure might, he said, lead to a general tariff war, the effect of which on the European situation would be most grave.

He earnestly appealed to the Foreign Ministers now in Geneva to reconsider the matter.

International Economic Policy.

Lord Parmoor, the Lord President of the Council, also referred to international economic policy in a speech at North Paddington yesterday. "We must look to Geneva," he said, "to promote a spirit of peace in international economy and support a world policy of a free exchange of goods, unimpeded by the obstructions of customs houses."

Time Saving Proposal.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, Jan. 18.

The League Council's proceedings were most expeditious, and much time was saved by a proposal by Mr. Henderson, president, to discontinue the practice of reading long reports by the Rapporteur.

Only the resolutions appended to reports will be read in future.

Chinese Application for Experts.

The Council agreed to the Chinese application for the services of Sir Arthur Salter and Mr. Haas to advise on the reform of Chinese finances and the organisation of inland waterways.

Mr. Henderson observed that the Council were happy to learn of the application from China and the interest the Chinese Government were taking in the League.

The session was adjourned till January 23, when the report of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission will come up.

Gift to Council.

The Council accepted a gift of \$10,000 for the preparation of a conference on the reform of the calendar.

COTTON INDUSTRY
LOCK-OUT.LABOUR MINISTER'S APPEAL
TO BOTH SIDES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 18. The Minister of Labour, Miss Bondfield, has telegraphed to both sides to the cotton dispute, reminding them that the effects of the stoppage cannot be confined to the parties concerned, but will inflict injury on the whole country.

Miss Bondfield expresses hopes for a speedy settlement.

TENSION ALONG THE
SPANISH BORDER.

Paris, January 18.—According to Press reports, from the Franco-Spanish frontier Spain is again on the eve of grave events. The Spanish frontier-guards are being strengthened and the custom frontier is being rigorously enforced while within Spain all telephone communications have again been placed under censorship.

Mrs. Subbarayan urged that women must be given a full opportunity to contribute service if India was to take her rightful place among modern nations.

Lord Peel said an outstanding fact of the Conference had been the great change of opinion that had brought the conception of federal India to a state of reality. He said the future attitude of the Conservatives would depend upon complete equality of treatment being granted to British traders and British trade.

Lord Reading said the Liberals supported the policy conferring responsibility at the centre, provided the safeguards were adequate, and after listening to the debates they saw no reason to change their attitude.

PARLIAMENT
RE-OPENS TO-DAY.BUSY SESSION IN
PROSPECT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 19.

Parliament reassembles to-morrow with a busy session in prospect. The main subjects for early discussion are education, trades disputes, unemployment and India.

It is probable that some close voting on some of these subjects will occur, but the general expectation in political circles is that the Government will avoid defeat on the main issues.

What may prove the most acute subject of debate will begin on Thursday when the Attorney General, Sir W. A. Jowitt, will move the second reading of the "Disputes" Bill.

The Liberals will meet to-morrow to decide their general attitude on the session's programme and this measure in particular.

DROUGHT SUFFERERS IN
AMERICA.COMMITTEE TO ASSIST RED
CROSS IN FUND RAISING.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.

President Hoover has appointed a Committee of 67 members, headed by ex-President Coolidge, and ex-presidential candidates, Mr. A. L. Smith and Mr. Davis, to assist the Red Cross to raise \$10,000,000 to relieve the sufferers in the drought-stricken areas.

NOVEL CHARITABLE
BEQUEST.HUGE SUM FOR POLICE
COURT POOR BOXES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUOBY, Jan. 19.

The late Mr. John Albert Drinan, of the Constitutional Club, London, and Nice, France, bequeathed £70,000, practically all his estate, in trust for the Poor Boxes of the Metropolitan Police Courts in London for the benefit of poor and needy in such manner as the Court Magistrates may decide.

THE PREMIERSHIP OF
JAPAN.

Tokyo, January 13.—At the Cabinet Council held to-day, it was unanimously decided by the Cabinet members that Baron Shidehara, Acting Premier, present himself at the session of the Imperial Diet after the New Year's recess pending the complete recovery of Mr. Hamaguchi, the Premier.

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Sports News

JUNIOR CRICKET

NOTES.

CIVIL SERVICE AND CLUB TO MEET THIS WEEK.

[By "L. B. W."]

Owing to the fact that the Civil Service-Kowloon match was postponed, there was only one league match in the junior division over the week-end. This was the Craigengower-Recreio tie which resulted, unexpectedly, in a draw. This has reduced the Recrio's chances of finishing on top of the league table as they have now dropped five points, and unless something very unexpected happens, the Portuguese will have to remain in the junior division—for one more season at least.

The game took place on the Craigengower ground; butting first, the visitors rattled up a hundred and seventy odd runs before they declared their innings closed. F. J. Remdios, their left-handed batsman, made something over fifty runs. He is essentially a hitter and I should imagine he would do a great deal better if he did not nibble at the off ups so much. Sourbuts played a great part in giving the Happy Valley club a point. He got five wickets and then went on to make seventy odd runs not out.

The Indian Recreation Club seconds were entertained by the Club juniors and a very interesting game resulted in a win for the Soukumpoo team in the last over. The Indians batted first and got about 160 runs for 7 wickets when they declared the innings closed. Then the Club went in for their knock, and at two minutes to six, their ninth wicket fell. Very sportingly their skipper sent their last man in and this batsman was taken behind the sticks when there were only three balls to go. It was indeed a very close game and I must say that I have seldom, if ever, seen M. R. Abbas, the Indian medium-to-fast bowler, send down more accurate stuff. He bowled fifteen overs and got six wickets at a little over seven runs apiece.

There are two league matches down for decision this week-end and no doubt chief interest will be centred on the meeting of Civil Service and the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Although the former will have the advantage of playing on their own ground, I rather fancy the chances of the Club, provided they have their full team out. H. J. Armstrong, if he plays, ought to get some runs. I saw him play against the Indians last Saturday, and although he did not get very many then, he was meeting the ball with the full face of the bat every time.

The other match will be between the Royal Engineers and the I.R.C. seconds. The latter, after their defeat at the hands of the Civil Service juniors, some weeks back, seem to be playing better now and I should claim another three points. When these teams met earlier in the season, the Soukumpoo team won easily. The Engineers have only played one league game up to date and are an uncertain lot. They may pull off a win, but their chances of doing so, are, in my opinion, very remote.

Since starting on the above notes, I have discovered that the University will also be engaged in a league fixture, their opponents being the Police. The game takes place at Pokfulam, and with the advantage of playing on their matting wicket, the undergraduates should bring off a win.

HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD MATCH TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Club Army in their Sim Shield match to-morrow on the U.S.B.C. ground:—Gregory, J. E. Henry, J. Rodger, A. Dand, M. W. Turner, J. Noron, A. T. J. Price, O. C. Braggis, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, G. P. Gammer.

Reserves: A. Botelho, M. G. Marriot.

TEST CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICA RESUME INNINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 19.

The third Test match between the England touring eleven and South Africa was resumed to-day in the presence of 2,000 spectators in sunny weather and on an easy wicket.

Play was very slow, the batsmen taking no risks.

The scores at lunch time were as follows:—

South Africa—1st Innings.	
L. J. Siegle, b. White	38
B. Mitchell, c. Duckworth	5
b. Tate	5
S. Curwen, c. Duckworth	2
Voice	2
H. W. Taylor, c. Duckworth	3
b. Voice	3
R. H. Catterall, b. White	11
H. B. Cameron, c. Voice	11
Tate	15
Deane, b. Voice	41
MacMillan, c. Wyatt, b. White	29
Vincent, c. Duckworth	18
Voice	13
Quinn, b. Voice	3
Bell, not out	0
Extras	21
Total	177

Fall of wickets:—1 for 14, 2 for 24, 3 for 33, 4 for 51, 5 for 66, 6 for 118, 7 for 141, 8 for 161, 9 for 172, and 10 for 177.

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Tate	27 13 33 2
Allum	25 4 44 0
Voice	29 2 58 3
White	10 6 21 3

YACHTING.

7TH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The results of the 7th Ladies' Championship which was run yesterday afternoon were as follows:—Course:—1, Kowloon Rock (S.); 2, Channel Rocks (S.); 3, Mark on Line (S.); 4, Channel Rocks (S.); Distance 7.4 miles.

"H" Class.

(Started at 3 p.m.)

	Fished	Cld.	Pts.
	Times	Times	
Diana (6)	4:27.27	4:21.40	3
Colleen (4)	4:29.08	4:20.07	5
Rolla (3)	4:24.23	4:20.63	4
La Linda (2)	4:24.06	4:19.10	7
Argulla II. (5)	4:20.11	4:21.10	4
Dorothea (1)	4:30.44	4:18.43	6

"I," "Y" and "G" Classes.

(Started at 3.05 p.m.)

	Fished	Cld.	Pts.
	Times	Times	
Daphne (2)	4:41.40	4:41.40	11
Why Wonder (5)	4:45.09	4:43.11	8
Wings (6)	4:47.48	4:45.87	7
Bluejacket (1)	4:41.47	4:39.50	13
Boojum (3)	4:43.32	4:42.01	10
Speedwell (4)	4:44.58	4:43.07	9

FANLING GOLF.

BOGEY POOL COMPETITION.

In the Bogey Pool at Fanling on Saturday and Sunday, W. A. Wright (19) 1 up wins. Other scores were:—J. P. Sherry (17) 1 down, L. G. S. Dodwell (6) 2 down, and Comdr. Priestley (13) 3 down. There were 44 entries.

SPORTING BISHOP OF LONDON.

SCORES THREE GOALS AT HOCKEY.

The Bishop of London, Dr. W. W. Ingham, who is nearing his seventy-third birthday, scored three goals in a hockey match between the old Marlborough and Lendley College at Fulham Palace.

He was playing for the Old Marlboroughs, who scored eight goals to Radley's four, and it is said that only the danger for which he prepared prevented the bishop from adding to his bag of three goals.

It was impossible to see from goal to goal, but Dr. Ingham, dressed in a grey woollen coat and knickerbockers, was frequently observed charging into the fray with the vigour of a schoolboy.

After one spirited dash down the field he was heard to exclaim, "Another player, who confessed to being put off at the start, 'Wait until you are seventy-two and then talk about being pulled.'"

The bishop, when recently presented with a hockey stick by the children of the Heritage Craft School at Chislehurst, Sussex, said: "I made three goals last Christmas at hockey. With this new stick I shall be able to score six goals next Christmas."

NIGHT GAMES IN NEW ZEALAND.

BY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

New Zealanders and Australians are passionately devoted to sports and games of all kinds, and a bigger proportion of the population actually plays or otherwise participates actively in seasonal athletics than perhaps anywhere else in the world. For instance, in Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand, with its hundred and odd thousand residents of all ages, there are about three thousand of the youth and manhood playing Rugby football every Saturday, two thousand soccer, and about a thousand hockey. In addition, there are several harrier clubs who have their weekly cross-country runs, besides a number of road-racing cyclists.

It is the same with the other large centres, Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin, and to a lesser degree with the provincial towns. A familiar feature of the newspapers every Friday is the page wholly given up to football fixtures and teams, set out in the smallest type—all conceded free of cost by the Press to sports bodies in token of the esteem in which games are still held in this country. In summer almost—but not quite—equal attention is paid to cricket, tennis swimming, and athletics; it takes an international visit like that of the M.C.C. cricketers last season to rouse public interest in summer games to the pitch it reaches on any old football occasion. The information may be conveyed as discreetly as possible that the Turf occupies about twice the space daily in the newspapers that even football gets weekly, but that in a little while the Antipodeans that they do not like to be too loudly noised abroad.

To accommodate all these players, if their matches were to take place simultaneously, would be quite impossible. Any of our cities, even though some like Wellington have spent tens of thousands of pounds in making parks and recreation grounds. This is customary to play the junior games first, starting at 1.30 p.m., and follow with the senior matches at 2.45 or three o'clock. All school games have to be played on Fridays. Even with all this double banking of grounds there is still a deficiency of accommodation, and the cities are faced with a further expenditure for more playing-fields. The position was not nearly so acute some years ago, before the introduction of the universal Saturday half-holiday, for there were Wednesday and Thursday matches then, according to the local custom.

Night Events.

It was perhaps with this congestion of grounds on the only afternoon available as a constant factor in the problem of popular indulgence in the many games that some genius conceived the idea of working the more central playing-fields late at night, lighting them with high-power electric lights in the evening and opening them to athletics and games. The success of a military tattoo on a large scale at Newtown Park, Wellington, a good many years ago had shown what could be done by floodlights at night—and an attendance of some thirty thousand on the slopes of a natural amphitheatre must have stirred the spirit of showmanship, by no means deficient in the Antipodes. At all events, the idea was progressively taken up in Wellington and elsewhere until evening athletic and sporting events under the beams of suitably placed high-candle-power lamps have become a regular thing.

Of course there are difficulties with games like football, though they play soccer regularly in Auckland under the floodlight, and only a week or two ago there was quite a stir when two teams refused to play at night. They were tramway teams and playing at that time affected their work. On the whole, even by the admission of Aucklanders, it cannot be described after two seasons' trial as a brilliant success. The attendance averaged only about a thousand. While in the genial weather of the Antipodean summer outdoor games are as pleasant to watch in the evenings as of an afternoon, it is not so in the winter. Even Auckland feels the chill at this time of the year.

As for Rugby, no method of lighting has yet been devised that would enable the game to be played in proper style with high punts for a follow-up, line-finders, or place-kicks. Floodlights are placed on high posts at different points round the playing area, and do effectively flood the field with light, but the upper air is still dark, and in any case the light can never be quite even, so that the game is subject to shadows.

These remarks refer to actual floodlights, however, in use for at least eight years past in all the three codes—Rugby League (Northern Union), and Association. Some clubs use floodlight training as an adjunct to shed work, but others have completely replaced the stuffy, dusty gymnasium by work out of doors. There are no restrictions on the use of electricity for these night games and sports. As most of the current used in New Zealand is generated by a few large hydro-electric stations, there is no particular call for economy and the authorities encourage the consumption of electricity.

THE CHINESE IN TRINIDAD.

VALUABLE ASSET TO COMMUNITY.

DEPARTMENT STORES IN MINIATURE.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.—Apart from the extraordinary natural beauty of this tropical island, named by the Carib Indians, Iro, the Land of the Humming Bird, Trinidad is notable for the fact that such varied races live here in such perfect harmony and contentment.

There are over 130,000 East Indians, some five thousand Chinese, a large number of Venezuelan and French creoles, and the remaining bulk of the population is comprised mainly of persons of African descent. Pure members of the Caucasian race are decidedly in the minority.

The Chinese in this city are a valuable asset. They are law-abiding and industrious, and already own at least one-fourth of the colonies business. None of them is of the coolie class. They are mainly engaged in business or agriculture, and are practically all British nationality. Eugene Chen, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs of China is a Trinidadian.

Chinese merchants operate practically all shops in the country districts. These shops, some of them quite small, are veritable department stores in miniature, selling groceries, liquors, clothing, hardware, and in fact everything that the poorer classes require. Without these country merchants it would be very difficult for the large number of Chinese to exist. Many of them are small farmers who depend on their crop of coconuts or sugar cane for a living. After their crops have been harvested and sold and the money obtained exhausted they would be in very severe difficulties for the bare necessities of life were it not that these Chinese shopkeepers extend them credit until their next crops are in.

From South China.

The majority of the Chinese in Trinidad came originally from Canton and Hong Kong. Many have risen to the highest places in commerce and the professions. Some of the leading lawyers and doctors are of the Chinese race; others occupy positions in the municipalities of Port of Spain.

The Chinese here live well, enjoy every luxury and comfort, but on the whole remain very quiet, and do not associate to any large extent with people of other races. They are in Trinidad the largest purchasers of automobiles. Some of the Chinese girls are very pretty, and practically all have splendid figures, and take great pride in being the best-dressed girls on a general average in the Colony.

doors on the parks under the floodlights. So, in a sense, the artificial light has contributed to the form of the teams who are now making the British Rugby tourists with some success.

Dirt Tracks.

For some seasons past athletic meetings have been conducted in Wellington at least on many evenings during the summer under the floodlight, and attendances were most satisfactory until the more sensational broadcasting started as a definite commercial venture. The dirt track now quite holds the field as the most popular form of evening sport for the enthusiast, and in Wellington at the Kilbirnie Stadium the average attendances for the past two seasons, two meetings a week, have been about 10,000. Auckland has two dirt tracks, and there is one at Christchurch, and now one at Dunedin, running with equal success. Organized as purely athletic meetings, these are very much better run than the amateur commercial ventures, and the illumination from central lamps overhead is much superior.

Floodlight tennis has been in vogue in all parts of New Zealand for several years past and has been a definite success. No championship meetings of any consequence have been conducted at night as yet, but there are hundreds of public and even private floodlight courts in the main centres of population. Swimming carnivals have also been held at night in open-air tanks, but the climate of New Zealand is not that of Australia, and the temperature of the water and the general conditions there militate against the popularity of these nocturnal sports.

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"PLAIN WILLIAM."

MR. BRAMWELL DENIES DECEPTION.

Plymouth.—Mr. Bramwell told a Press man of his romance and spoke of the unwelcome glamour which had surrounded this great event in his life. He comes from Canterbury, and has been for two years in the Mauritania, and although he has kept to himself, he has been much respected among the crew. There was something "different" about the tall, lean, grey-haired man, with his studious face, long, tapering fingers, horn-rimmed spectacles, courteous mien, and soft voice—a fact which Miss Barbara Buffum, of Oxford, Mass., realized when she crossed in the famous ship just over a year ago.

Special Aerodrome.

When the Mauritania docked in New York just over a week ago, Mr. Bramwell rushed ashore. Within twenty-four hours he was back again, having travelled many miles by airplane, landed on a special aerodrome, and been married to his bride and feted by her townfolk in the meantime.

"It is an outrage and an insult to a beautiful and capable woman," was the reply I received from Mr. Bramwell, when with the assistance of the chief steward, I dragged him from his quarters this morning, where he had been hiding for the last two or three days, relieved of his official duties because he was the butt of the crew and passengers.

Mr. Bramwell was angry. He paced up and down the cabin wringing his hands, shaking his head and every now and then muttering: "This is terrible; this is terrible. What can I do to stop this publicity?"

"I am bewildered; I am terribly worried about my wife. I have no idea who could have invented such a mad story. My friends and relatives do not know I am here. I have not always been in the same sphere. I am distressed that my friends will find out where I am. I have never gone into my past life. I prefer to say nothing about it."

Miss Buffum, who is very beautiful and very cultured, knows of my employment and all about my life. We met in the Mauritania a year ago, and have met many times since. She knew I was once in a very different position, and I always imagined that she told her parents what my present job is. I have never told them. I was never asked.

"I have met my father-in-law on only two occasions. I don't know why he should say that he believed me to be Sir William Bramwell. He never called me by that name, and I never did anything during the time I was with him or Mrs. Buffum to suggest that I was anything other than plain William."

"My wife made all arrangements for the wedding. She supplied all the particulars for the authorities, and I have no idea how I figured on the necessary documents. Of course, I signed the register in my own name as William Harold Bramwell."

State Troopers.

"There was certainly a fuss at the wedding, but that was due entirely to my wife's people being very important in their town. I did not see any great crowd, and it was only when I reached New York to rejoin my ship that I heard about State Troopers with drawn swords forming a guard of honour. I only saw two ordinary policemen on duty."

"My wife came back with me as far as Boston, and there we parted. I am making my last trip. I leave the Mauritania at Southampton, and at the first opportunity I shall return to the United States to bring my wife back to England."

"When I told Mr. Bramwell that his wife was in a hospital he was furious. 'It is an outrage,' he said. 'There is nothing wrong with her. I must find out why she has been taken there.'"

HIGH LIFE INDEED!

TWENTY-FOUR DAYS ON A FLAG POLE.

One of New York's sights last month was the flagpole sifter, "Shipwreck" Kelly. He was perched on a pole crowning an hotel near Times-square, the tumultuous heart of this city.

Rain or shine, he kept his vigil there till Christmas Eve. It began on December 1. Kelly had spent two years on poles in different parts of the country.

He was trussed in a sack and tied to the pole. A line and pulley kept him in contact with the boy who fed him.

In Times-square there are men with large telescopes through which at 50 cents a time, you may study the minutest details of the faces of the crowd.

One man stated: "Kelly is sitting up there to help the unemployed. He is going to share his profits with the unemployed. He is going to share his profits with the unemployed. He is going to share his profits with the unemployed."

"KNIGHT'S" BRIDE ESCAPES.

LINER STEWARD-HUSBAND DISCLAIMS THE TITLE.

OXFORD (MASS.) COMEDY.

Almost simultaneously, two more acts were played in New York and in Plymouth, of the comedy of "Lady" Bramwell (née Barbara Buffum, of Oxford, Massachusetts). While "Lady" Bramwell was making a dramatic escape from the hospital to which she had been taken after her husband had resumed his clerical duties in the Cunard liner Mauritania, her husband was angrily disclaiming any claim to a title as he paced up and down the ship's cabin in which a Daily Express representative found him.

New York, Dec. 22.—"Lady" Bramwell's disappearance from the State Hospital here has caused a good deal of bewilderment.

She left her bed in one of the ward clad only in a nightgown, and jumped, opened a window, and slipped eighteen feet to the ground.

Attendants were called to the scene by the screams of the other women in "Lady" Bramwell's ward. They arrived in time to see her jump from the window and land on the ground unharmed, but although they at once secured the vicinity, and even called the police to aid them, they were unable to find her.

Examination of the window showed that "Lady" Bramwell had removed some wooden bars which covered the lower half, thus leaving a space about a foot wide through which she was able to squeeze.

Dr. William Brian, the superintendent of the hospital, says he believes that "Lady" Bramwell's escape was aided from the outside, since considerable strength would be needed to remove the bars, while it would be impossible for the woman to get out of the grounds unless she had assistance. The fact that she was able to disappear from the vicinity leads to the belief that a car was waiting for her.

It was a week before that Miss Barbara Buffum, the daughter of a local bank cashier, married Mr. William Harold Maxwell, clerk to the chief steward of the Mauritania, at Oxford. Newspaper reports that she claimed that her husband was really "Sir William Harold Bramwell, B.N., with large estates in Ireland and Great Britain," led the British Consulate in Boston to institute inquiries, with the result that Miss Buffum's claim was shown to be false.

Following the marriage the bride told her parents and friends that she was leaving with her husband for Niagara Falls for the honeymoon, but it was later found that Mr. Bramwell went to New York and boarded the Mauritania, while his bride went to a fashionable Boston hotel.

RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY WITHDRAWN.

EFFECT OF RECORD ON JURY.

A jury at London Sessions last month withdrew their recommendation to mercy after hearing the record of a man whom they had found guilty. The man, Dick Winton Smith (31), described as a cook, was indicted for "inflicting grievous bodily harm upon William Henry Matthews. He was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour. When the verdict had been returned, Detective Sergeant Poynter, of the C.I.D., said that Smith was married but living apart from his wife. He had ten previous convictions, the first in 1914 and the last in November, 1929. His record included a sentence of eighteen months for unlawful wounding in 1924.

"He had an argument with another man in a restaurant on this occasion," said the detective. "The other man left the restaurant, and two or three days later was found at the corner of the street and was badly hurt. Smith came behind him and drew a razor across his throat. When he was in Pentonville he climbed on the roof of the prison and was subsequently brought down."

The Deputy Chairman (to the jury): I do not know whether that has any effect on your recommendation to mercy.

The Foreman: We wish to withdraw it.

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EXCHANGE.

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Silver, Bank's Buying Rate	1 1/2
Silver, per oz.	1 1/2

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Hong Kong Observatory, January 19.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.09	30.31	30.07
Temperature	85	61	65
Humidity ...	86	85	35
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Direction	N	E	E
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HARROW HEAD ON OUR "UGLY AGE."

CLERGY AND PRESS CONDEMNED.

Strong criticisms of politicians, journalists, clergy, and the age in general, were passed by Dr. Cyril Norwood, headmaster of Harrow, in his presidential address to the Mathematical Association at Bedford College, Regent's Park. The world, he declared, was only half-educated and half-knowing. Truth was not the aim of the politician and the journalist. The clergy rarely preached what they really thought. The Government of this country was in the hands of the masses, he continued, and those held the reins of power who could best persuade the ignorant. The aim of the politician was success at the polls and he vilified every Party but his own, and coloured facts to suit his ends. The journalist had studied the methods of crowd suggestion. Misrepresentation in the Press stretched from the original make-up and presentation of the news to deliberate falsification. "Journalists have no conception of exactness, and their work is subordinated to the needs of commercialism." With regard to the clergy, how many of them asked themselves the question, "Am I saying what I really think, or am I just saying what I am expected to say?" The exact professions on the other hand were the doctors, the engineers and the farmers. "We live in an age of ugly art, bad colours, and inharmonious music," concluded Dr. Norwood, "an age which has experienced the revolt of youth. But all that may lead to a sounder interpretation of beauty and truth, higher in its standards than the world has yet accomplished."

MARRY YOUR SECRETARY! RULES FOR PICKING LIFE PARTNERS.

Lecturing to law students at the North-Western University, Dr. Edward Lyman gave this advice:—"If you are a professional man, marry your secretary if she will have you." A good telephone voice, he said, was an essential in the ideal wife, while beauty was the least quality to look for. He advised the girl students to pick husbands according to the following rules:— He should allow you to audit his finances; should be healthy enough to swim 25 yards in 30 seconds; should be ambitious and industrious. He should be willing to make you an equal partner; should possess tact and a good disposition; should be mentally stable; and he should not be a braggart. Dr. Lyman is a physician and a professor.

THE CRIME MENACE.

LORD BYNG PLANS BIG OFFENSIVE.

The addition of 500 police and detectives to the Metropolitan Force and the enlargement of the Flying Squad to combat the activities of car-bandits are (the *New Chronicle* learns) among proposals which Lord Byng has put before the Home Office. These additions to the force are necessitated by the withdrawal from routine duties of 350 men who become London's "traffic-cops" under the new Road Act. Another 100 men will probably be required as garage hands, repairers, and store keepers for this new force—for which over 400 motor-cycles and cars are being provided. New men have to be found for point-duty work and patrols, but apart from this it is felt that considerable additions will be necessary, if the police are effectively to cope with criminal activity which has increased in London in recent years.

U.S. CROOKS WELCOME RUN ON BANKS.

MAYOR'S WARNING TO THE SCARED DEPOSITORS.

New York.—Increased robberies are feared here as the result of the withdrawal of their funds by bank depositors, who have become alarmed by the recent failures. Fortunately anxiety among the depositors has been eased considerably by the banks' policy of sending large sums of money to their branches and meeting all withdrawals readily. Mayor's Message. Mayor Walker, in a message to citizens, states: "I am informed that depositors in banks, alarmed by the closing of the Bank of United States, are drawing their full deposits out of other banks in the city. Such action, if general, would only embarrass even the strongest and soundest banks to provide cash enough suddenly to meet these demands and also afford a fine field for pickpockets and thieves. Let me urge depositors not to become stampeded." The Mayor appealed to those who had drawn from the banks money they did not need to put it back.

Malicious rumours are blamed for causing the run which has closed the Commercial Trust Company, New Britain, Connecticut, a small bank with liabilities of \$1,000,000, which is the third institution of the kind to be closed in Connecticut in a fortnight.

TRADE WITH SOUTH PRINCE SLEEPS AT A RECEPTION.

RETURN OF SHEFFIELD MISSION.

PROMISING MARKETS.

The Sheffield Industrial Mission, burdened with samples and full of hope for the trade of their city, returned via Liverpool on the Orunda last month from a tour in South America. During five months' absence the missionaries travelled 22,213 miles, 630 of these by air. They were received by the most important people in the public and commercial life of Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Peru, interviewed eighty Ministers and officials, kept 65 official engagements, delivered many speeches, and paid nearly 500 business calls.

Mr. A. Kingsford Wilson, who was Master Cutler when he set out at the head of the mission, was accompanied by Mr. C. R. Hodgson, president of the Sheffield Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. L. Halpin. Mr. Gerald Balfour, nephew and representative of Sir Arthur Balfour, the steel magnate, and Mr. A. Harrison, representative of Thomas Firth and Sons (Stainless Steel), travelled with the mission whilst in South America, and Mrs. Wilson accompanied her husband throughout. The mission toured under the auspices of the Department of Overseas Trade, following in that respect the inaugural visit of Mr. Matthew Anderson on behalf of the Liverpool organisation to America and Canada, and being comparable with the North Staffordshire mission to South Africa, the cotton deputations, under Sir Ernest Thompson, to China, and that which Sir Arthur Balfour will head to Egypt in February.

The Mission Hopeful.

"We have come back full of confidence that Sheffield can materially increase the sale of its goods in South America," Mr. Wilson said on arriving in the Mersey. "We are also very much impressed by the extent of the markets there and the possibilities of their development. Sheffield has not cultivated South America sufficiently. Our travellers and salesmen, our directors and managing directors have not paid visits there frequently enough. We must attend to those markets more energetically. The mission has come back with 400 packages of goods such as Sheffield could send to South America but which our foreign competitors now send there, and with a great many suggestions for discussion with the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association. Everywhere we were received with the greatest sympathy and hospitality, and although there was revolutionary trouble in four out of the five countries we visited we managed to miss it all, and it in no way interfered with our work."

TOWN IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

SOLDIERS CHARGE WITH RIFLE BUTTS.

Monte Carlo.—Scenes of violence and uproar occurred here when Prince Louis, whose continued absence has made him unpopular, arrived from Paris. Detectives, police and soldiers mingled with the crowds which thronged the streets, and there were several scuffles before the Prince made his appearance. When he emerged from the station, a large section of the crowd hissed and made a rush towards him.

By the Hair of the Head.

The police charged and seized several of the demonstrators, dragging them away by the hair of their heads, while friends attempted to rescue them. There were more than 30 arrests, and a number of people were injured. The Prince entered a car and drove rapidly to the Palace. That afternoon the town was in a state of siege. Large detachments of troops and police guarded the palace, the casino, and the prison in which the arrested persons had been lodged. Numerous disturbances have taken place in the cafés, and 2,000 demonstrators marched in a body to the prison demanding the release of those who had been arrested. It is rumoured now that the Prince contemplates ordering the suspension of the Municipal Council.

Attempt to Burn Prison.

At one point along the Prince's route to the palace the crowd again became out of hand and attempted to set fire to the prison. Police and soldiers used the flats of their sabres and the butts of rifles against the mob. Forty were arrested.

COMEDY OF INDIAN CONFERENCE FUNCTION.

One of the strangest receptions in the history of diplomacy was held by the Secretary of State for India and representatives of the Government at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington.

It was a reception to the members of the Round Table Conference. These Indian rulers and their ladies entered the institute out of the fog like characters in a fairy tale. These men carried fortunes at their throats, the women wore vast diamonds in their noses, their bodies sheathed in emerald, pearl and gold.

So noble and glittering, with their galle-like women in rainbow silk at their side, the princes marched to meet the Government of the King Emperor.

And the Government met them and took them to the pictures! It gave them coffee and a cartoon film of "Bonzo," sandwiches and a film of the Empire Marketing Board, cake and claret cup and an exciting film entitled "The Scarlet Runner." This reception of the institute, and the maharajahs and nawabs, were allowed to spend several happy hours studying the mineral and cereal products of their country. It was icy cold in the long, gaunt museum corridors with the cheerless cases. So a hand was placed there and played Miss Amy Woodford Findon's "Indian Love Lyrics."

Blankets. One celebrated Indian guest was found intently studying a pair of blankets in a case. He smiled and said wistfully, "Blankets. There was not another living soul within 200 yards at that moment. The institute is large. It was an eerie pang."

The gusty corridors were yellow in the fog-smitted light and down them men in satin and gold passed silently, carefully studying the "various processes in the spinning of wet yarn for sacking." An Indian prince was found in a pink turban sound asleep all by himself in the Ceylon section, his closed eyes still turned towards a case full of loincloths. It was a long reception. The cinema had several houses.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived on January 17 by s.s. President Pierce:—Mrs. R. Anandasing, Miss U. Anandasing, Mr. Donald Chadwick, Mr. Tee Chandranagan, Capt. John R. D. Cleland, Mr. Luis Costantino, Mr. and Mrs. McD. Courtney, Mr. J. W. Cowan, Mr. Frank M. Gibson, Mr. G. J. Gildwin, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Greene, Miss Adelaide M. Greene, Mr. Jose Guasco, Mr. B. Hernandez, Miss Hazel E. Hess, Major General John L. Hines, Lt. John L. Hines, Jr., Mr. E. Hopkinson, Mrs. Edith M. Hoyt, Miss Louise Hoyt, Mr. Haywood H. Hunter, Mr. John A. Hyndman, Mr. Francisco A. Loner, Mr. Vicente C. Mendoza, Mr. Herbert C. Millett, Mr. Sakal San Sen, Mr. E. V. Tarantam, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Verches, Mr. Percy W. Ward, Miss Martha M. Waterhouse, Mrs. Borders Wilkins, Mr. Wong Kwei, Miss Wong Yot Sing, Mrs. Wong Cut Kim, Mrs. Yee Hoy Hong.

Departures.

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BOMBAY

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 30.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Feb. 4.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 11.
Carociva, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.

BOSTON

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Mayuan Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.
Foyebank, Bank, Jan. 31.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Lassibank, Bank, Feb. 11.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Cingalese Prince, Furness, Feb. 24.

BREMEN

Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24/25.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Havel, Melchers, Feb. 23.

BRINDISI

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Carociva, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.

CAIRO

Talamba, B.I., Jan. 20, 3 p.m.
Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 9.
Taima, B.I., Feb. 8.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Feb. 14.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 25.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 27.

CASABLANCA

Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.

CEBU

Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.

CHENGOO

Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 22.
Kueichow, B. & S., Jan. 22.

COLOMBO

General Metzing, M.M., Jan. 20.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 30.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.
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Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
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Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
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Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Porthos, M.M., Feb. 17.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Carociva, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.

COPENHAGEN

Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Afrika, Manners, Feb. 25.

DALNY

Linan, B. & S., Jan. 23.
Antenor, B.F., Feb. 7.

DUTCH PORTS

Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.
Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24/25.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.
Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 9.
Sauerland, Jensen, Feb. 5.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 7.

ELIZABETH

Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 9.

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Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 16.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Rames, Jensen, Feb. 24.
Afrika, Manners, Feb. 25.
Havel, Melchers, Feb. 23.
Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.

FOOCHOW

Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 20.
Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 22.
Haining, Douglas, Jan. 23.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 23.
Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 27.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Feb. 8.

GENOA

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Jan. 25.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.
Sauerland, Jensen, Feb. 5.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Carignano, Dodwell's, Feb. 8.
Pres. Fillmore, Dollar, Feb. 8.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 10.
Pelus, B.F., Feb. 20.
Carociva, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Feb. 22.
Rames, Jensen, Feb. 24.
Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.

GLASGOW

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
Laomedon, B.F., Feb. 1.
Patroclus, B.F., Feb. 10.
Pelus, B.F., Feb. 20.

GOTHENBURG

Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW

Kiungchow, B. & S., Jan. 29.

HAMBURG

Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24/25.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 30.
Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.
Sauerland, Jensen, Feb. 5.
Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.
Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.
Celtic Star, Dodwell's, Feb. 9.

HANKOW

Rames, Jensen, Feb. 24.

HARBOUR

Shantung, Gilman's, Feb. 23.

HAVRE

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.
Peru, Manners, Jan. 31.
Laomedon, B.F., Feb. 1.
Pelus, B.F., Feb. 20.
Afrika, Manners, Feb. 25.

HONOLULU

Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.

ILOILO

Helenus, B.F., Feb. 6.

JAPAN PORTS

Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Porthos, M.M., Jan. 20.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 20.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 20.
Glenshiel, Jardine's, Jan. 21.
Kunssang, Jardine's, Jan. 22.
Shantung, Gilman's, Jan. 22.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Eurylochus, B.F., Jan. 25.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Gyena, B.F., Jan. 25.
Havel, Melchers, Jan. 26.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 27.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Rames, Jensen, Jan. 29.
Venetia-L, Dodwell's, Jan. 30.
Malwa, P. & O., Jan. 31.
Tyndareus, B.F., Jan. 31.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Glennamoy, Jardine's, Feb. 2.
Nippon, Gilman's, Feb. 2.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Feb. 3.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 3.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., Feb. 5.
Machon, B.F., Feb. 6.
Tanda, E. & A., Feb. 6.
Lekviken, Jensen, Feb. 8.
Hikawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.
Caravonshire, Jardine's, Feb. 13.
Khiva, P. & O., Feb. 14.
Autolycus, B.F., Feb. 15.
Carociva, Dodwell's, Feb. 16.
Athos II, M.M., Feb. 17.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 17.
Eumaeus, B.F., Feb. 19.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Somali, P. & O., Feb. 20.
Tilawa, B.I., Feb. 20.
Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 21.
Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 21.
Carociva, Dodwell's, Feb. 22.
Kawachi Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 22.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 25.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 27.

KANAGAWA

Talamba, B.I., Jan. 20, 3 p.m.
Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.
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SHANGHAI	... "NANNING" ...	On 20th Jan.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... "SINKIANG" ...	On 3rd Jan.	8 a.m.
FOOCHOW, WHAIHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	... "HUICHOW" ...	On 22nd Jan.	Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	... "TSINAN" ...	On 22nd Jan.	5 p.m.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	... "CHEKIANG" ...	On 23rd Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... "SOOCHOW" ...	On 25th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	... "KALGAN" ...	On 25th Jan.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	... "KWANGTUNG" ...	On 25th Jan.	5 p.m.
SHANGHAI & DALNY	... "LINAN" ...	On 26th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... "BUNNING" ...	On 27th Jan.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	... "TAIYUAN" ...	On 28th Jan.	5 p.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	... "KIUNGCHOW" ...	On 29th Jan.	Noon
SWATOW, WHAIHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	... "KUEICHOW" ...	On 3rd Feb.	8 a.m.

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STATION	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Cloud	Humidity	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Cloud	Humidity	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Cloud	Humidity					
																									Inches	Millis.	Temperature	Direction	Force
Wladivostok...	12	29.97	761.2	11	...	...	...	...	0	m	6	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Nemuro	11	29.86	758.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	29.76	756.0	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	756.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Hakodate	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	29.78	756.5	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Tokio	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	29.75	755.5	...	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Kochi	...	29.84	760.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	29.74	760.5	...	...	...	...	...	29.74	760.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Nagasaki	...	30.06	768.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Kagoshima	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	30.04	768.0	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	768.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Oshima	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Naha	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Ishigakijima	...	30.04	765.0	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	...	...	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Bonin Island	...	29.96	758.5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	29.76	755.0	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	755.0	...	...	...	...	...				
Chefoo	15	30.08	762.7	40	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	30.02	762.5	34	...	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	34	...	...	...	...				
Shanghai	14	30.26	768.3	47	8	WNW	...	...	4	b	6	30.24	768.3	29	4	WSW	...	...	30.24	768.3	29	4	WSW	...	...				
Gutaleff	...	30.27	768.8	42	...	WNW	...	...	2	b	...	30.22	769.1	36	...	...	...	...	30.22	769.1	36	...	...	...	...				
Wenchow	...	30.24	768.0	49	8	ESE	...	...	2	b	...	30.30	769.5	40	6	...	...	...	30.30	769.5	40	6	...	...	...				
Foochow	...	30.12	765.0	58	4	ESE	...	...	3	cf	...	30.18	766.6	46	6	...	...	...	30.18	766.6	46	6	...	...	...				
Amoy	...	30.10	764.5	60	6	ESE	...	...	2	bc	...	30.10	764.5	48	...	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	48	...	...	...	...				
Swatow	...	30.08	763.5	60	...	ESE	...	...	3	...	...	30.22	767.0	41	...	...	...	...	30.22	767.0	41	...	...	...	...				
Taihou	11	30.23	767.9	61	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	30.15	765.7	43	...	...	...	...	30.15	765.7	43	...	...	...	...				
Taihu	...	30.11	764.8	61	...	N	...	...	4	bc	...	30.10	764.5	47	...	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	47	...	...	...	...				
Tainan	...	30.07	763.7	67	...	N	...	...	4	...	...	30.06	763.0	63	...	...	...	...	30.06	763.0	63	...	...	...	...				
Koshun	...	30.02	762.6	68	...	NE	...	...	4	...	...	30.11	764.8	58	...	...	...	...	30.11	764.8	58	...	...	...	...				
Pescadores	...	30.12	765.1	58	...	NNE	...	...	6	...	...	30.14	765.5	55	6	...	...	...	30.14	765.5	55	6	...	...	...				
Hong Kong	14	30.09	764.4	66	7	N	...	...	3	b	6	30.11	764.8	52	6	ENE	...	...	30.11	764.8	52	6	ENE	...	...				
Gap Rock	...	30.10	764.6	66	...	NNE	...	...	5	...	...	30.18	765.8	58	6	...	...	...	30.18	765.8	58	6	...	...	...				
Macao	...	30.09	764.4	68	6	N	...	...	4	bc	...	30.15	765.8	58	...	...	...	...	30.15	765.8	58	...	...	...	...				
Hoihow	...	...	...	70	8	NNE	...	...	4	bc	...	30.09	764.2	65	6	...	...	...	30.09	764.2	65	6	...	...	...				
Pratas Island	...	30.06	763.4	72	6	NW	...	...	2	bz	7	30.18	766.0	54	4	ENE	...	...	30.18	766.0	54	4	ENE	...	...				
Phulien	16	30.13	765.3	72	6	NW	...	...	0	...	...	30.05	763.3	65	6	...	...	...	30.05	763.3	65	6	...	...	...				
Tourane	...	30.05	763.2	70	6	NNW	...	...	6	...	...	29.92	760.0	72	6	NW	...	...	29.92	760.0	72	6	NW	...	...				
Cape St. James	...	29.89	759.1	79	6	E	...	...	4	...	...	30.02	762.4	63	4	NE	...	...	30.02	762.4	63	4	NE	...	...				
Daseo	14	29.90	759.5	74	6	NE	...	...	6	...	...	29.97	761.3	74	4	NE	...	...	29.97	761.3	74	4	NE	...	...				
Aparr	...	29.88	758.9	78	2	NW	...	...	2	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	6	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	6	...	...	...				
Tuguegarao	...	29.83	757.4	83	8	N	...	...	2	...	...	29.88	758.8	69	...	...	...	...	29.88	758.8	69	...	...	...	...				
Vigan	...	29.86	758.4	81	8	NNW	...	...	2	...	...	29.89	759.3	74	6	NNE	...	...	29.89	759.3	74	6	NNE	...	...				
Manila	...	29.82	757.3	86	8	SW	...	...	6	...	...	29.88	758.9	76	6	N	...	...	29.88	758.9	76	6	N	...	...				
Legaspi	...	29.79	756.7	79	6	NE	...	...	2	...	...	29.87	758.6	76	8	N	...	...	29.87	758.6	76	8	N	...	...				
Calbayog	...	29.78	756.7	85	8	SW	...	...	2	...	...	29.86	758.4	76	8	N	...	...	29.86	758.4	76	8	N	...	...				
Tacloban	...	29.80	757.0	85	8	S	...	...	4	...	...	29.86	758.8	76	8	NE	...	...	29.86	758.8	76	8	NE	...	...				
Iloilo	...	29.80	766.0	91	8	NE	...	...	2	b	...	29.84	758.0	76	6	...	...	...	29.84	758.0	76	6	...	...	...				
Cebu	...	29.78	756.4	86	8	NE	...	...	2	b	...	29.85	758.2	74	6	...	...	...	29.85	758.2	74	6	...	...	...				
Surigao	...	29.78	756.0	86	8	E	...	...	2	...	...	29.85	758.2	74	6	ESE	...	...	29.85	758.2	74	6	ESE	...	...				
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	c	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Guam	12.22	29.76	756.0	...	...	E	...	...	...	...	5	29.82	757.5	77	...	NNE	...	...	29.82	757.5	77	...	NNE	...	...				
Yap	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	757.3	77	...	NE	...	...	29.82	757.3	77	...	NE	...	...				
Pelaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.83	757.7	80	...	NE	...	...	29.83	757.7	80	...	NE	...	...				
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	88	...	NE	...	...	2	b	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				

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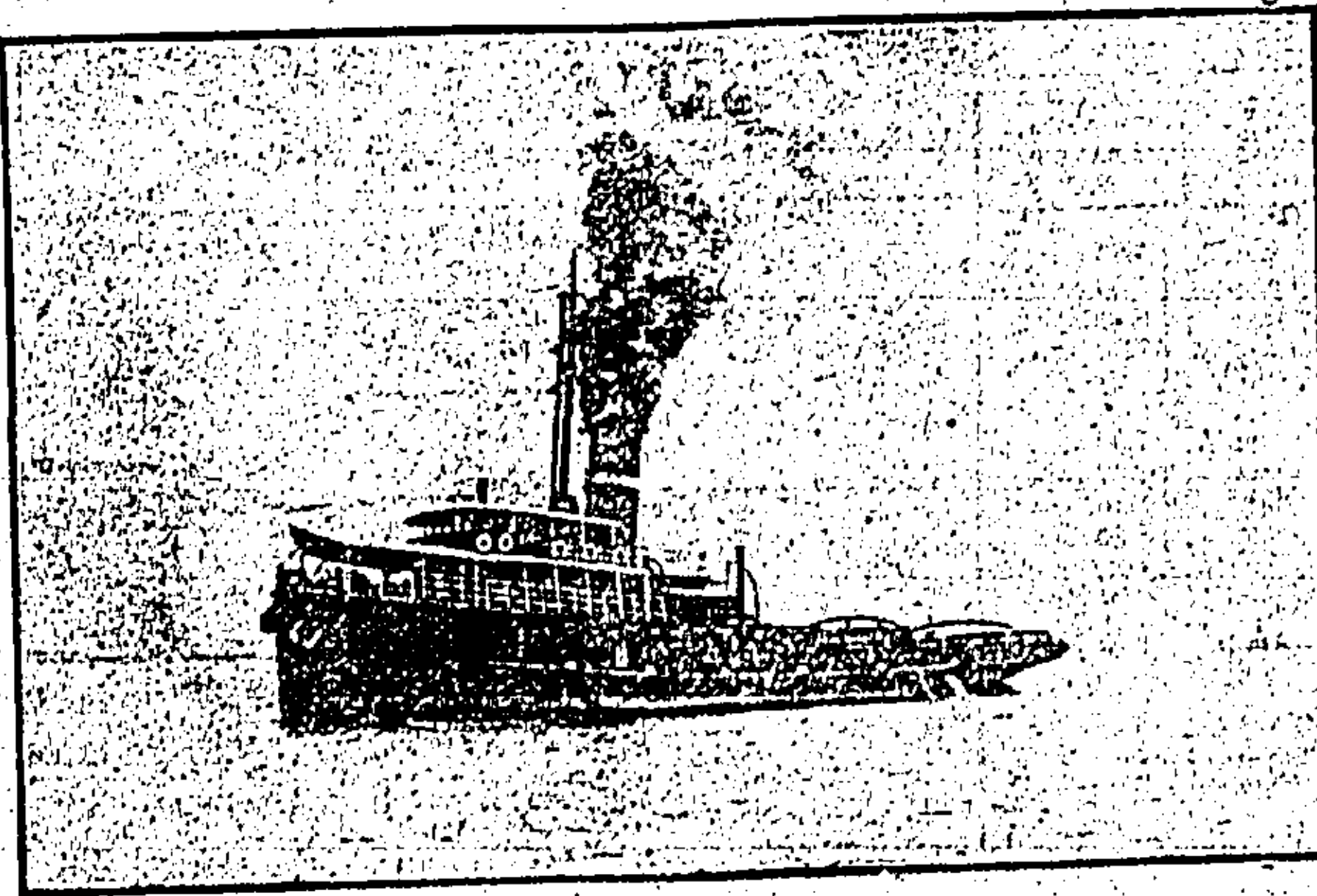
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG" "YUENSANG" "NAMSANG"	Mon., 2nd Feb., at 3 p.m. Sat., 14th Feb., at 8 p.m. Fri., 27th Feb., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG" "YUENSANG"	Thurs., 22nd Jan., at 7 a.m. Tues., 27th Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Tues., 3rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"YUSANG" "MAUSANG"	Sun., 1st Feb., at Noon Fri., 13th Feb., at Noon
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Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Russia	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	May 1	May 2	May 14
Empress of Japan	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 25
Empress of Asia	May 23	May 26	May 29	May 30	June 10
Empress of Russia	June 6	June 9	June 12	June 13	June 22
Empress of Japan	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 27	July 6
Empress of Asia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Russia	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 25	Aug. 3
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RANGOON MARU ... Thursday, 20th January

NAGATO MARU ... Saturday, 7th February

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Cargo for Through

British H.K. Ports

Glengarry, Singapore 911 2,121

Talamba, Kobe 171 1,032

Anhui, Hoihow 200 60

Sinkiang, Shanghai 250 400

Chenan, Canton — 18

Hupch, Canton — 650

Hosang, Amoy 389 803

Kwaisang, Swatow 360 1,382

Kwaisang, Canton 190 50

Shirak, Balikpapan 7,842 —

American Pres. Pierce, Manila 200 —

Dutch Tjikarang, Amoy — 1,431

Danish Michael Jensen, Singapore 500 —

Japanese Durban Maru, Shanghai 36 4,330

Himalaya Maru, Moji 206 3,890

Menado Maru, Hoihow 201 —

Kiasen Sakito 3,000 —

Kukko Maru, Sea 33 —

Chinese Tak Hing, Autow 3 —

Total 14,571 17,707

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

British 10 8

American 1 0

Dutch 1 0

Danish 1 0

Japanese 5 3

Chinese 1 1

Norwegian 0 1

Total 19 13

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Talamba (British) Osaka, 154

Anhui (British) Singapore, 110

Hoihow (British) Tsingtao, 136

Sinkiang (British) Osaka, 81

Hosang (British) Tsingtao, 36

Amoy (British) Tsingtao, 163

Tjikarang (Dutch) Shang- 163

hai, Amoy (Danish) 410

Michael Jensen (Danish) 75

Penang, Singapore (Japanese) 75

Menado Maru (Japanese) 75

Hainpong, Hoihow (Chinese) Autow 75

Tak Hing (Chinese) Autow 75

Total 1,269

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Glengarry, Pres. Pierce, Himalaya Maru, Benalder, O.S.K.: Menado Maru; Douglas Empress: Haiyang.

Docks:—Kowloon: Empress of Japan, Paludina; Taikeo: Fatsan; Szechuen, Chengtu, Kanchow, Paul Beau, McVillie Dollar; Cosmopolitan: Kutsang.

Buoys:—At Talamba, A2 Shinjo Maru, A3 Kanzebu, A5 Durban Maru, A7 Taiping, A8 Tjikarang, A9 Fukion, A11 Steel Engineer, A12 Etham Allen, B1 Kwaisang, B3 Huichow, B5 Chenan, B6 Hupch, B14 Kwangchow, B15 Anhui, B16 Helikon, B17 Borneo, B18 Gustav Diederichsen, B21 Shun Lee, B22 Hosang, B23 Somedomo Maru, B27 Taikei Maru, B28 Kinsan Maru, C1 Hermod, C2 Tonkin, C4 Canton, C5 Michael Jensen.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

North Wall.—Iroquois.

South Wall.—Herald.

North Arm.—Berwick.

West Wall.—Modway, Odia, Otus.

In Dock.—Cornflower, Osiris, Oswald.

Buoy No. 3.—Cumberland.

Buoy 13.—Sandwich.

Buoy No. 22.—U.S. Helena.

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Chiat On, for Amoy.

Durban Maru, for Singapore.

Edham Allen, for Panama.

Glengarry, for Shanghai.

Himalaya Maru, for Singapore.

Hosang, for Singapore.

Hupch, for Canton.

Kazembe, for Manila.

Lushan Maru, for Canton.

Menado Maru, for Canton.

Pres. Pierce, for Shanghai.

Shinyo Maru, for Shanghai.

Shun Lee, for Canton.

Taiping, for Manila.

Tjikarang, for Swatow.

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"KHAYBER"	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'werp.
"SOMALI"	9,114	21st Mar. (Mar.)	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'werp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,129	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'werp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	28th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	5th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm & A'werp.
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"KASHGAR"	9,005	4th July	Mars., L'don, B'dm & A'werp.
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"KHAYBER"	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars., L'don, B'dm & A'werp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,129	28th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
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